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2 Policemen Helped Spur Sunday Rally

By JAMES F. DRONEY

The idea for Sunday's controversial God and Country Rally was generated in the minds of two Boston policemen, a sponsor said yesterday.

'A Good Idea'

Mrs. Harold N. McKinney of Dedham said the charges that "hate" groups and "racists" were behind the rally were entirely without foundation.

"It all started way back last April," she said. "Arthur Daly and his friend Fred Perkins (they are both Boston policemen) were disturbed at the way things were going in the country and they came to me with this idea of having a rally to speak out for God and country.

"I joined with them in the idea," she said. "It's a good idea. Look at what we have today. In Sharon the schools can't have Christmas trees and I'm told that this is the last year that the Boston Comm-
mon will have Nativity scenes."

"I think that's terrible," she continued. "You know the people

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Two Policemen Rally Sponsors

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who are doing this just as well as I do and I think it's time it was stopped, that someone spoke up for God and this country.

"This is a wonderful country and this is a wonderful city and we decided to invite a lot of people to come to the rally so we could show them what a fine city this is."

"I went to Mr. Hitchins (Vernon Hitchins, who is also a sponsor of the Rally) who is president of the Dedham Trust Company and whom I know and he agreed to be the treasurer," Mrs. McKinney said.

"Eight of us, the two policemen, a mail carrier and myself included, each tossed in \$100, and that's how it started," she said.

NAACP TO PICKET

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, along with four other groups, is scheduled to picket the rally which will be staged at the Statler Hilton Sunday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The NAACP charged that the John Birch Society is behind that rally and that "vicious" racists are among the speakers. The group specifically mentioned Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, Okla., head of the Christian Crusade, and Ken and Phoebe Courtney of New Orleans, publishers of extreme right wing pamphlets.

The Birch Society denied sponsorship but said some members were participating. The list of 24 sponsors includes 17 members.

"I think it's terrible that they are going to picket, said Mrs. McKinney. "Why, I've been a member of the NAACP and I am an old friend of Mrs. Cass.

Mrs. Melnea Cass of Roxbury, head of the Boston NAACP chapter, issued the statement announcing the picketing.

PAY EXPENSES

Asked how the sponsors selected their speakers, Mrs. McKinney said:

"Why, we just wrote around to people and a lot of them accepted," she said. "We told them we couldn't pay fees but we could pay their expenses. Several of them offered to come even without expenses."

The best known speaker nationally is former Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson of Utah whose son, Reed, is a paid employe of the Birch Society.

Mrs. McKinney also stated that the Massachusetts Chapter of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons had sent 7500

letters to its members, urging them to attend.

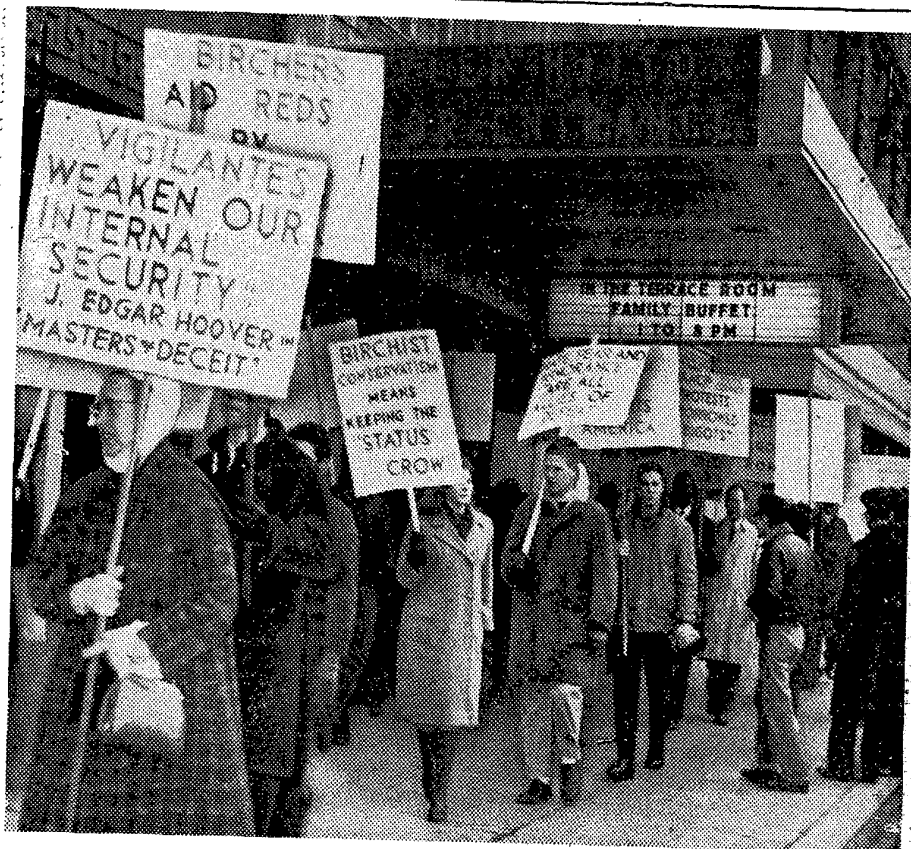
CHURCHMEN IN PEEV

She was referring to a letter signed by Dr. Robert J. Brennan of Lexington, chairman of the Massachusetts chapter. The meter number on the letters cancellation stamp is 385178, the same as that of Robert Welch, Inc., 395 Concord Ave., Belmont. Mr. Welch is the founder and head of the John Birch Society.

The two top leaders of the Massachusetts Council of Churches yesterday urged a calm approach in the face of the controversial rally. Bishop James K. Mathews and Rev. Dr. Forrest L. Knapp, president and general secretary, respectively, issued a joint statement calling for "freedom of speech" for the rally participants, "however much we may differ with the views of the speakers themselves.

"We do not fear the final judgment of Bay State citizens regarding the speakers or their subjects," they said. "Massachusetts citizens of all faiths have shown poise and good judgment in the past whenever they have been wooed by either the radical right or the radical left. We have confidence in them now."

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(Boston Globe-UPI Photo)

The Liberal View of a Conservative Rally

Pickets outside New England Rally for God and Country

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Benson Stars at Rally As Pickets Ring Hotel

By ROBERT ANGLIN

Former Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson argued the cause of conservatism Sunday at the New England Rally for God and Country. G-1 1/2 (24)

In a voice that sometimes cracked with emotion, Benson held forth for more than an hour in the bunting-bedecked grand ballroom of the Statler-Hilton Hotel while, outside, liberal groups picketed the rally and its right-wing backers.

The principal objection voiced by the demonstrators was the participation of the John Birch Society.

That group's founder, Robert Welsh of Belmont, had said it was not a sponsor, although many of its members were involved.

Benson said he was not a member of the John Birch Society.

He added, however, "some of the finest Americans I know are associated with the John Birch Society."

His son, Reed Benson, is Utah organizer for the right-wing society.

Picketing outside the hotel was kept orderly by 21 po-

lice. Another police detail of 11 was stationed inside.

Only one incident was reported during the picketing by approximately 60 persons in front of the hotel's three entrances.

Josef Mlot-Mroz, 41, of Salem, president of the Confederation of Polish Freedom Fighters, was arrested on a charge of disturbing the peace after twice trying to burn a Soviet flag.

Mlot-Mroz, who two years ago was injured in a scuffle with New York police while

demonstrating outside the Soviet delegation to the United Nations, first set fire to a Russian flag while demonstrating from the center island on Columbus av.

Police put the fire out, but later he ignited another and dragged it at the end of a string into the line of pickets outside the hotel.

It took five patrolmen to subdue him.

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Among the picketing organizations were the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Veterans Committee, Congress on Racial Equality, Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice, Greater Boston Ministerial Alliance, Greater Boston Labor Council, AFL-CIO, and a number of students.

The demonstration was called off at 4:15 p.m.

Mrs. Melnea Cass, president of Boston Branch, NAACP, speaking for the picketers, said, "It was getting dark. Some men came out and were yelling. We didn't want to cause any incidents."

Benson Draws Crowd

In several booths on the mezzanine floor of the hotel outside the ballroom, right-wing literature was sold or given away.

Some organizations sponsored the continuous showing of movies.

The largest audience during the day-long rally was drawn by Benson, who attracted a capacity crowd to the ballroom, which had been set up to seat 2500.

Several times during his talk, Benson, a leader of the Mormon church, was interrupted by applause.

He plumped for states

rights, ~~hemorrhaged~~ concentration of power in the Federal government, criticized the United Nations and warned of the dangers of appeasement.

"For 30 years in this beloved country we have been aiding the cause of atheistic, socialistic, Communism by permitting socialistic Communists in high places in government, by giving away vital military secrets, by squandering much of our material resources, by spending ourselves to near bankruptcy, by weakening our free enterprise system through the adoption of socialistic policies and by bungling of foreign affairs," Benson said.

He argued that the cause of Communism has been aided "by permitting the insidious infiltration of socialistic Communist agents and sympathizers into almost every segment of American life."

"With all my heart I love this great country," he whispered in an emotion-choked voice, bringing the applauding audience to its feet.

Benson concluded by leading the audience in the Salute to the Flag.

Before he could leave the stage, segregationist Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, Okla., strode to the microphone and called on the Mormon leader to offer a prayer.

Benson complied, head bowed, in a soft voice, with a five-minute supplication.

Hargis, broadcaster, editor and leader of the Christian



ROBERT WELCH
Birch president attends

Crusade, who spoke earlier, blasted the press for its handling of advance news concerning the rally.

He charged that the N.A.A.C.P. is a political agitation group, that it represents only the minority of Negro people and that it is headed by a white.

Hargis said his organization is opposed to "racial integration by force," stating that the government has negotiated with Soviet Premier Khrushchev for 10 years but did not give Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett 10 days during the recent integration crisis at the

University of Mississippi.

He was followed by Thomas Anderson, editor of Farm and Ranch and a member of the council of the John Birch Society, who called for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren and the rest of the Supreme Court.

He singled out Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy as "the most atrocious appointment since (Roman Emperor) Caligula appointed his horse consul."

Robert Welch introduced Rep. John Rousselot (R-Calif.), who was defeated for reelection in November.

Welch said Rousselot, the new director of Birch Society activities in the Far West, "may perform a greater public service in combatting communism" than he could have in office.

Rousselot charged that the aim of the State Department is "to pursue a policy of general and complete disarmament of our armed forces and to merge them with the United Nations, and the head of the U.N. military forces has always been a Russian general."

Promoters of the rally were Mrs. Harold N. McKinney of Dedham and Boston policemen Arthur Daly and Fred Perkins, all Birch Society members.

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(AP Wirephoto)
RED FLAG BURNED—On order of patrolman Norman Anderson, picket Jozeff Mlot-Mroz stamps out burning Red flag outside N.E. Rally for God and Country.

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Right Wing Rally Draws 1000 Here



DEMONSTRATOR ARRESTED—Patrolman Norman Anderson of the Boston police orders right-wing picket Josef Mlot-Mroz of Salem to stamp out Red flag he was burning on hotel sidewalk. Salem refugee group leader was arrested

By JAMES F. DRONEY

Close to 1000 persons turned out yesterday to hear the top one-two punch at the New England Rally for God and Country, former Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson and lame duck Congressman John Rousselot of California.

Other Speakers

The figure was far below the 5000 estimated for the right-wing Rally beforehand and was the top total registered during the 13-hours the Rally held forth at the Statler Hilton from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m.

Some 10 other speakers attracted audiences that went as low as 200. Sponsors of the affair attributed the slimmed attendance to adverse pre-publicity and one of the speakers, Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, Okla., whose presence at the Rally prompted picketing by six organizations, scored the "Boston liberal press" generally and the Boston Herald specifically.

Hargis said a story that appeared in The Herald yesterday was "the most classical type of smear."

Tipoff on the impending falloff in Rally attendance came when only 176 persons turned out for the opening dinner. Mrs. Harold McKinney of Dedham, a sponsor

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of the Rally, said 350 persons had accepted invitations, but that many failed to appear. The hotel said 300 had been guaranteed, but only 176 served.

Among those who withdrew, according to Mrs. McKinney, were top officials of the Massachusetts American Legion and members of the Massachusetts chapter of the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons.

But what the Rally lacked in numbers it more than made up for in spirit. Although pickets parading outside the hotel outnumbered those attending the affairs inside at the 10:30 a.m. opening (delayed a half hour), the audience gradually built up until by late afternoon when Benson and Rousselot appeared, close to 1000 persons were present.

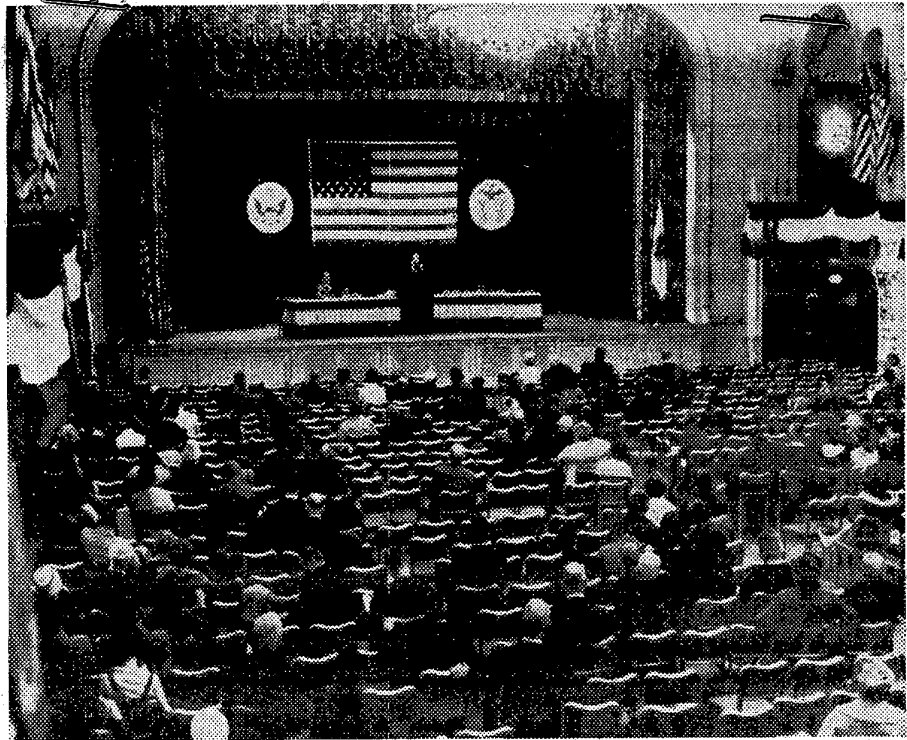
Benson delivered a 55-minute speech in depth on the philosophy of conservatism and constantly provoked applause from his audience. He said that freedom must be won continually and that there was a real danger, especially by big government, to freedom.

He said the people must decide to what degree they will entrust their destinies to government and they must be made aware of the price if they place themselves in the hands of centralized government.

Before embarking on projects that would widen federal aid, he said four questions must be answered: can the federal government perform the tasks more efficiently than private enterprise, the states or local communities? What effect will they have on free institutions: What effect will they have on the morals and character of the people? How will they affect the morale of the people?

If the answers to the four questions indicate the projects are threaded with collectivist thinking or partisan politics or if they will weaken the character of the people, then they must be halted.

For the future, he said, the people have aided the Socialist-Communist



RALLY SCENE—Denunciations of labor, press, pulpit and integrationist organizations fell upon hundreds of empty seats at the New England Rally for God and Country in the 1500-capacity Imperial Ballroom of the Statler Hilton.



(Herald Staff Photo by Daniel Murphy)

CONSERVATIVE RALLY LEADERS included, from left, Dr. Billy James Hargis of Oklahoma, head of the "Christian Crusade," Ezra Taft Benson, former secretary of agriculture, and Mrs. Harold McKinney, sponsor from Dedham.

nist conspiracy by allowing Socialist-Communists to hold important government posts, and by permitting needless governmental spendings, bungled foreign policy and confiscatory taxes.

On foreign aid and the mounting national debt, he commented:

"How long can we play Santa Claus, banker and policeman for the free world. Judgment Day must come and we must pay our debts and live within our income if we are to maintain our liberties."

He warned that many nations have sown the seeds of their own destruction while enjoying their greatest prosperity.

But the weight of a man like Benson was contrasted in the wit that flowed from several other speakers who pinged polished darts in the hides of both political parties.

Said Thomas Anderson, of Tennessee, magazine editor:

"The last great president was Hoover. Roosevelt showed us that a president could be elected for-

ever, Truman proved that anyone could get elected;; Eisenhower showed there was no need for a President and Kennedy is proving it's dangerous to have one."

Many people have said Anderson is against everything and everyone, even little Caroline Kennedy, he said.

"But I'm not against her, just the company she keeps."

New Orleans publisher Ken Courtney, who with his wife and Hargis prompted the principal reactions that led to the picketing, took a swipe at Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, who gave the country a "new socialistic bureau," Health Education and Welfare.

"He did this as a dollar a year man in the Eisenhower Administration," said Courtney. "What an expensive dollar that was."

Courtney also said President Kennedy used more troops at Oxford, Miss., to insure James Meredith's entrance into the University of Mississippi than Grant had at Vicksburg or Washington during the entire Revolutionary War.

Courtney addressed the group as the press secretary to the President in 1966, two years after the Conservative candidate had been elected.

His imagination postulated a Rockefeller-Kuchel ticket for the Republicans in '64 and a Kennedy-McCarthy ticket for the Democrats. The Conservative candidates who had won went unnamed.

1962 ELECTIONS

According to his account of what had transpired in the 1962 elections, the Republicans had won 144 electoral votes, the Democrats 113 and the Conservatives 276.

Rousselot painted a grim picture, charging a conscious policy by the administration and the defense department to "phase out" the nation's front line weapons striking forces in accordance with Russia's plan announced at the UN in September of 1959.

He said the three-stage disarmament program advanced then by Russia is the same being pushed by the U.S. now. He also said the aim was to "turn the U.S. armed

forces over to the UN military aid security chief who has always been, by provision, from Russia or a satellite, since the UN charter was drafted in 1945. He charged this to the maneuvering of Alger Hiss and the late Harry Dexter White.

He ridiculed the insanity of a situation such as existed at Geneva where the United States delegation was pushing for the Russians to adopt their own proposal.

Rousselot was introduced by his new boss, Robert Welch of Belmont, founder and head of the John Birch Society. Rousselot is the new district director of the six-state western division of the JB organization, Welch said.

The permanent chairman of the Rally, Atty. George Montgomery, was reported ill and unable to be present at the start of the affair. His job was turned over to Col. Laurence Bunker of Wellesley who introduced Hargis.

One of the Rally's most fantastic tales was told by Alexander I. Rorke, Jr., of New York, head of the U. S. Freedom Fighters, who has made 14 trips inside occupied Cuba, been jailed there and smuggled out. Rorke, whose father hailed from Boston's North End and his mother from Watertown, is a former military intelligence specialist.

Other speakers included Myers Lowman of Cleveland, Circuit Riders, Inc.; Frank Megehee, Dallas, Tex., of the National Indignation Committee; Willis E.

Stones, California, author of the "Liberty Amendment"; Edward Hunter, Virginia, chairman of the Anti-Communist Liason; E. Merrill Root, Connecticut, author of "Collectivism on the Campus," and Dr. Gordon Higgins of Calgary, Alberta, who spoke on the doctor's fight against socialized medicine there.

During the long speaking program, motion pictures such as "Operation Abolition," "This Is Taiwan," "Red China Outlaw" were shown in four parlors on the second floor mezzanine, which was completely occupied by the rally. Hotel authorities pegged the cost at \$2500 for the day. In addition, the hotel said 150 rooms had been reserved by the sponsors in advance, but only a small number were used.

The Rally ended an hour before schedule, at 10 p.m., with Hargis

speaking a closing prayer as follows:

"Pray, Lord, you work on the minds of the newspaper people who are here. Have them write what is right that they may see the light."

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FOUNDER, MEMBER—Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, left, founder of the John Birch Society, and U. S. Rep. John Rousselle (R-Calif.), a member, were among the several veterans who...

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PICKETS PROTEST OUTSIDE—Members of organizations opposing the New England Rally for God and Country march with placards on the sidewalk in front of the Stater Hilton. Despite one protest, demonstration was orderly.

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Pickets Parade Without Incident

By JAMES T. SULLIVAN

Stringent security precautions were established in and around the Statler-Hilton for yesterday's "New England Rally for God and Country," but they were hardly needed. The pickets, sometimes as many as 150, paraded without incident.

Fearing that George Lincoln Rockwell, self-styled head of the Nazi Party in the United States, would put in an appearance, some

Boston policemen were stationed outside the hotel.

There were 11 others inside plus a task force of plainclothesmen and hotel security guards. Police stood vigil at all hotel entrances and blocked off stairways to the mezzanine.

When the pickets grew to full strength shortly before noon extra police were dispatched to the scene including two on horseback.

The sign-carriers were mostly members of the Boston Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Also included, were members of the Unitarian Fellowship on Social Justice, CORE, and members of the Greater Boston Labor Council.

And the incidents that did develop involved, not pickets, but persons associated with the affair.

As the rally got underway at 10 a.m. Jozef Mlet-Mrez, 41, of Boardman St., Salem, president of the Anti-Communist Confederation of Polish Freedom Fighters of America Inc., was arrested for burn-

ing a flag on Columbus Avenue opposite the hotel. He was charged with disturbing the peace.

Nearby, police ordered Jack Zimmerman, of Syracuse, N.Y. to move his delivery truck. The truck, labeled the "American Opinion Library," and displaying New York plates, was blocking a hotel entrance.

Zimmerman, who told reporters that the books are supplied by the John Birch Society, then drove the wrong way down Arlington Street, turned into Providence Street, doubleparked, and remained for the day unbothered.

MANY PAMPHLETS

Inside the hotel, rally participants divided their attention between the flag-decked Imperial Ballroom where the main speakers held forth and "parlors" where some 28 booths, loaded down with pamphlets and Right Wing literature, were exhibited.

"Don't let them put rat poison in our clear drinking water," urged a sign on an anti-fluoridation booth. Much of the literature was free, but most of it was for sale ranging in price from five cents for a pamphlet urging abolition of the Income Tax to a \$4 long-playing record of Billy James Hargas explaining what he called "The U.N. Hoax."

Some 6,000 flags were strewn on tables for distribution.

For five cents you could buy "The Shoppers Guide to Communist Imports."

At the John Birch Society Booth you could purchase the controversial "Blue Book" for \$2.

Directly behind the Birch booth, the "Young Americans for Free-

dom" displayed various political signs including—"I Miss Ike."

Although the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons had a booth displaying literature against Medicare, it was unmanned throughout the day.

This was the result of an order issued by Dr. Robert Brennan, of Lexington, chairman of the Massachusetts membership committee of the organization.

Dr. Brennan had previously signed a letter urging attendance at the affair, but withdrew support after learning that "Birchers were involved."

Also represented at the exhibition were "The Culpepper Minute Men," several conservative publishing companies, and "America's Future, Inc."

Two students from Boston College, members of the "Young Americans for Freedom," sold tickets for \$2 each to hear Birch Society founder Robert Welch speak at the Heights March 25.

Although the pickets began gathering early in the morning their number dwindled to a handful at 4:15.

Explained one, a member of the NAACP: "We're leaving now. We've done all we can."

The pickets, carrying such signs as "Mr. Welch, Stop Dividing Americans" and "Ike Calls Birch Society Crackpot," also handed out literature emphasizing that they were not "seeking in any way to interfere with freedom of speech" but only wished to draw "public attention to the nature of this meeting, its speakers, and the organizational forces behind it."

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Of 'God and Country' Rally

To the Editor of the Herald:

On Sunday, Jan. 6, the "God and Country, Rally" was held in Boston. For five days prior, there were statements in the press about this meeting. There was an attack and a threat of a picket line by Mrs. Cass of the NAACP and Lawrence C. Sullivan of the Greater Boston Labor Council, AFL-CIO. On Friday and on Monday there were Herald editorials. The first editorial was to urge our citizens to protest but not suppress this meeting because of our belief in freedom of speech.

This was not appreciated, because Mrs. McKinney and Dr. Billy James Hargis charged that the Boston press "terrorized the people of Boston."

One of the speakers appeared in Boston about a year ago and he did not draw 100 people to his meeting. He is an important man because he says that if "you attack the John Birch Society you are acting on a directive of Dec. 6, 1960 from Moscow."

Others go around the country telling people that some 7000 clergymen and some 6000 educators are aiding and

abetting, wittingly or unwittingly, the subversive apparatus of the Communists.

I believe that both the NAACP and the AFL-CIO could have served their purpose better by allowing this group to die in calmness.

The Boston press did a good job in covering this story and we all agree that a free press is needed but free press does not include the need to repeat the lies or distortions of the political bigots.

HOLLIS M. MOSHER

Milton

Better in New York

To the Editor of The Herald:

Governor Volpe had the misfortune to be born at the right time but in a state overpopulated with out-of-date citizens. If he had been governor of New York he would have been repeatedly re-elected and nationally recognized as a first-class prospect for the presidency.

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Birch, Nazi Tie Hit

Two representatives of key Jewish organizations today expressed amazement at a reported affiliation between the John Birch Society and an ally of the American Nazi Party.

They commented on reports that Speros Lagoulis, close friend of George Lincoln Rockwell, would be the operator of the Joe McCarthy Book Store.

LONG RECORD OF NAZI TIES

The Birch-backed book store will be located at 327 Broadway. The announcement of hiring Lagoulis was made by Philip K. Langan, New England co-ordinator of the John Birch Society.

Lagoulis, who operates the Broadway Costume Co., in Boston, has a long record of association with the self-styled American fuhrer, Rockwell, whose American Nazi Party is outspokenly anti-Semitic.

Robert E. Segal of Newton, executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston, said the choice of Lagoulis was "unbelievable."

"As recently as a month ago at the Ford Hall Forum in Boston, Robert Welch, head of the Birch Society, reiterated his stand on anti-Semitism," Segal said.

CITES WELCH STATEMENT

He quoted Welch in a statement published in the society bulletin in April, 1961:

"The really important point is simply that I am not anti-Semitic, never could be, and never would. Now the John Birch So-

...to become an agency or even a haven of anti-Semitic feeling so long as I am directing its policies."

Isadore Zack, civil rights director, New England region of the Anti Defamation League of B'nai Brith, also said he could not understand appointment of Lagoulis.

"We wonder what the reaction of the Birch Society directors will be in case Lagoulis offers for sale some of Rockwell's Hitler-like literature," Zack said.

"We actually wonder if Mr. Welch himself realizes the impact of this unusual alliance," he said.

Langan and Harold McKinney, Welch's executive assistant, were not available for comment.

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Birch Society Aide Denies It's Backing New Bookstore

By JAMES F. DRONEY

A storm of controversy centered anew over the John Birch Society yesterday following disclosure that the society was sponsoring a South Boston book store in association with an American Nazi Party supporter.

Speros Lagoulis, longtime friend and Boston area contact for George Lincoln Rockwell, self-styled fuehrer of the American Nazi Party, denounced the story as a "contrived left wing smear by the Boston Herald."

Lagoulis denied sponsorship of the store by the Birch Society, claiming that he bought books from the Birch Society, but had no direct affiliation.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Thomas Hill, administrative aide to Robert Welch of Belmont, Birch Society head, said the society had no connection whatever with Rockwell and said Lagoulis was on his own in operating the Joe McCarthy Book Store scheduled to open Monday at 327 Broadway.

However, Gordon Hall of Boston, longtime foe of right and left wing extremist and a nationally accredited authority in the field, produced a letter over the signature in ink of Philip K. Langan urging Birch Society members to support the store.

Langan, New England coordinator for the John Birch Society, states in the letter:

"One of the most powerful means of affecting a thorough understanding of communism and our own Constitutional Republic is through organization of American Book Stores.

"I am happy to announce that the first such book store in the state of Massachusetts will be opening Monday, Dec. 10." (The opening was delayed a week.)

ASKS VOLUNTEERS

Elsewhere in the letter sent out to Society members, he says:

"If you would like to volunteer to work in the store for a few hours every week, please let me know at your earliest convenience. If you have any further questions on the aforementioned matters please do not hesitate to contact me."

Welch has consistently denied that the society had anti-Semitic tendencies or included "hate" groups. The American Nazi Party, to which Lagoulis is tied, is virulently anti-Semitic."

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Enclosed for the information of the Boston Office
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[REDACTED] which was printed by American
Opinion, Belmont, Massachusetts. Indices of the Little
Rock Office reflect that this is a publication of ROBERT H.
WELCH, Jr. This card was furnished to the Little Rock
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Publisher Answers John Birch

Society

By ~~ROBERT CHOATE~~

Editor and Publisher

Robert Welch and some members of the John Birch Society are threatening to put The Boston Herald out of business unless . . .

The "unless" is the publication of a letter written by Welch on Dec. 14 to the Editor of the Herald

which must be run by The Herald "without deletion, addition, or change of any kind."

The letter deals with a story that The Herald printed by James F. Droney on December 13 with the headline "Birchers, Nazi Party Combine To Sell

Books." The letter "without deletion, addition, or change of any kind" appears below. The Herald has since checked Mr. Droney's story and finds it accurate in every particular. Indeed, Robert Welch finds no inaccuracies in the story, but explains that his "young coordinator here, acting on his own initiative, was beguiled into asking some of our members for similar help and patronage for Mr. Lagoulis' store."

Tactics Arouse Resentment, Indignation

The reason for the prominent display here afforded to the Welch letter is my own resentment and indignation at the tactics employed by this so-called right wing power group. In sending the letter to the Editor of the Herald, Mr. Welch appended it to a letter to me personally.

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~~In this letter Welch made the following threats:~~

"We have not checked as to what your present circulation is, but I assure you we can match it. All we have to do is to print the enclosed letter, with a considerable quantity of additional details and background added, and supply from a dozen copies to possibly a hundred copies to each of our members for their distribution. They will get the copies distributed all right, and also read, more carefully and fully than The Herald is read. And one result of this move might be to open your eyes to the disrespect in which The Herald is now held—despite many good men on its staff—by tens of thousands of good citizens in this area who have nothing to do with The John Birch Society."

The Welch letter to The Editor of the Herald was dated December 14. The overriding letter was dated December 15. Both letters were received in my office on December 17.

The Herald has in its possession a reproduction of the letter to The Editor dated December 14. It is addressed to the members of the Birch Society as follows:

"December 14, 1962

"To All Members In Range Of The Boston Herald:

"Reproduced below is a letter which we are mailing to The Herald. There is a great deal more that could be said about this incident. But we have kept the letter as short as we well could, so as not to provide The Herald with any excuse for not publishing it in full, as requested. And we shall probably have more to say about this affair, and the whole new smear campaign of which it is a part, in the January Bulletin. RW."

On Monday and Tuesday I received three threatening and abusive anonymous telephone calls telling me that if The Herald did not print the Welch letter the Birch Society would put The Boston Herald out of business. Such tactics are, of course, only too reminiscent of pre-war pressure tactics.

The Letter from Welch to Editor

There follows the Robert Welch letter:

"Editor, The Boston Herald

"Sir:

"With regard to the Lagoulis bookstore, and just for the record:

"(1) The John Birch Society does not have, never has had, and does not intend to have any association or contact of any kind with George Lincoln Rockwell or the so-called American Nazi Party.

"(2) The policies of the Society are determined by our national COUNCIL and myself. Until your article appeared on Thursday I had never even heard of Mr. Lagoulis, nor—I am sure—had any member of our COUNCIL. To accuse the Society or myself of a deliberate or conscious alliance with the "Nazi Party," under the circumstances, is pretty sensational journalism—to put it mildly.

"(3) Investigation reveals that Mr. Lagoulis had been carefully cultivating the confidence of our enthusiastic young Coordinator in this area for nearly a year. As a consequence, when Mr. Lagoulis announced his plans to open his "Joe McCarthy Book Store," this Coordinator asked our wholesale book department to sell the store books. One shipment was made—the day before your article appeared. Obviously this was the cue for which the instigators of this smear were waiting.

"(4) We now have about forty-five 'reading rooms that sell books,' known as American Opinion Libraries, throughout the country. They are run, on a volunteer basis, by highly respected members of their local communities. When our Fort Wayne unit opened about two months ago, for instance, it was given about five thousand dollars worth of free favorable publicity in the local press and over the

air during the three-day opening celebration.

"We also give wholesaler's service to nearly a hundred independent patriotic bookstores. And in a few instances some of our members help out such stores as volunteer clerks. Our young Coordinator here, acting entirely on his own initiative, was beguiled into asking some of our members for similar help and patronage for Mr. Lagoulis' store. He should have made a more careful investigation. But the young man did not dream that somebody might be setting a trap for him—or that Mr. Lagoulis had ever even seen Rockwell or any of Rockwell's associates. On learning those facts—the hard way—we have notified Mr. Lagoulis that we shall not sell him any more books; and have notified our members in the five states reached by your newspaper that we do not "sponsor" his bookstore in any way.

"(5) The nationwide attacks on the Society come in waves, each one with its own theme and technique. The key to the one now under way was supplied by the Moscow press, describing us as "fascists" and Nazis, in what we believe to be the most extensive smear campaign ever launched by Moscow against non-official opposition, in the forty years of their lying propaganda. The aim of the resulting new attack on us in the United States is, by innuendo, misreporting, slant, and outright falsehoods, to tie us in the public mind with the utterly discredited Rockwell group. How on earth did the Boston Herald-Traveler get beguiled into lending its support to the campaign? You can be sure that the Communist Worker in New York will pick up your article, further increase its distortion, and plant the ne-

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dous glee.

"Sincerely,
Robert Welch"

Letter by Langan

There follows the letter of Philip K. Langan, New England Coordinator of the John Birch Society, who presumably is the misguided young coordinator referred to in Welch's letter. The Langan letter was sent to Birch Society members in this area.

"One of the most powerful means of affecting a thorough understanding of communism and our own Constitutional Republic is through the organization of Americanist Books Stores.

"I am happy to announce that the first such book store in the state of Massachusetts will be opening on Monday, Dec. 10.

"The JOE MCCARTHY BOOK STORE will be located at 327 Broadway, South Boston, and will be open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"The store will carry a full line of Americanist books, periodicals and pamphlets and for your convenience will have a mail order service.

"The book store also affords you an excellent opportunity to alleviate any problems that you have in regards to Christmas shopping. For what better gift can there be than a book which sheds light on the Communist-collectivist menace in the United States and/or one which gives a solid plan of action to defeat it.

"To the members of local Chapters and some Chapter members living in a distant area, the mail order system should be of great help. We also recommend that the Chapter Leaders assign one member of his Chapter to collect the orders from the other mem-

bers and make one trip a month to Boston. This will give you an excellent chance to find out what is new in the way of Conservative Literature.

"To those members in the Greater Boston area the store is located near the Broadway station only a half mile from the Southeast Expressway. The store hours also afford you the opportunity to come over often.

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"If you have any further questions on the aforementioned matters please do not hesitate to contact me.

"Thanking you for your assistance and extending all good wishes, I am.

"Philip K. Langan, New England Coordinator of the John Birch Society."

Lagoulis Dossiers

The police record of Mr. Lagoulis, in whose book store Mr. Langan proposed to set up the John Birch literature, stretches from 1934 in Newburyport (his home at the time) until 1961 when he was found guilty of using a false name, "Nathan Ginsburg," to register for rooms at a Boston Hotel which were subsequently occupied by American Nazi Party leader George Lincoln Rockwell and an aide.

The Lagoulis Dossiers with the Boston and Newburyport Police Departments, the FBI, the State Police and the Subversive Activities Division of the Department of Public Safety include several arrests for car thefts and assault and battery, for some of which he was sentenced and served prison terms. Others were filed or he was placed on probation. The records also show a multiplicity of arrest for violations of the motor vehicle laws.

Over the years, he was also charged with attempted breaking

and entering, attempted larceny, and threats, in addition to other charges.

Question for Welch

Rockwell himself was also fined in Boston Municipal Court in the 1961 use of hotel rooms without

registering. He was arrested on a Boston capias in Sansbury by State Police and was driving a white convertible registered to Lagoulis' wife.

Incidentally, Mr. Welch, is your coordinator, Mr. Langan, still on the pay roll of the Birch Society?

'Joe McCarthy' in So. Boston Birchers, Nazi Party Combine to Sell Books

By JAMES F. DRONEY

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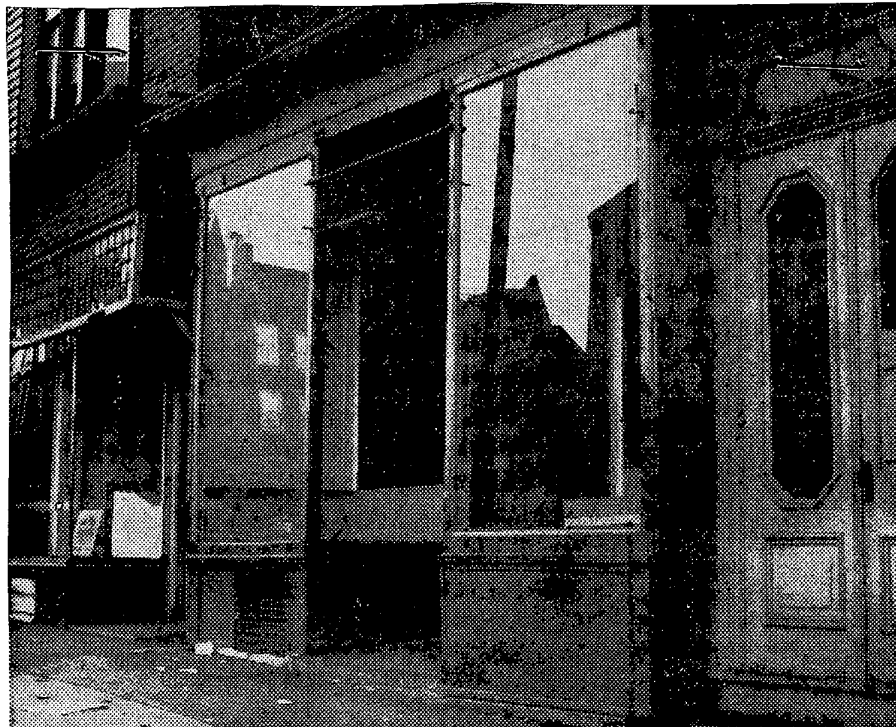
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Lagoulis operates the Broadway Costume Co. at 118 Broadway, Boston, and resides at 34 Church St.

In an advertisement announcing the opening of the book store that appeared in the December issue of Monthly Statements, a newsletter published by Birch Society sympathizers, Lagoulis is named as the person in contact for further information. His telephone number, RA 6-3566, is also part of the ad.

The opening of the book store, which Lagoulis will run, marks the first time he has been associated publicly with the operations of the John Birch Society.



DID NOT OPEN—The Speros Lagoulis Joe McCarty Bookstore at 327 Broadway, South Boston, that never opened following the publication of James Dron-ey's story of Dec. 13.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 12-18-62

FROM : L.H.MUNSON (LIAISON)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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By phone 1:30 PM 12-18-62 [REDACTED] Boston Herald, phone RA 6 3000 (can be reached through Herald City Desk) said [REDACTED] of the Herald is interested in a man named [REDACTED] the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he has ascertained that Boston PD records show [REDACTED] further, the notation "FBI" appears on the record and he believes this might refer to an ITSMV matter.

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[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] wishes a complete dossier if possible on [REDACTED] as far as possible concerning his criminal background. He noted that [REDACTED] according to Boston PD record [REDACTED] he was born [REDACTED] according to the record; the FBI entry on PD records is dated 12-20-39. He said the PD record only takes [REDACTED] but he believes there is a subsequent record.

See attached news item bylined by [REDACTED] re [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he will be at office until about 2:30 PM and if he is not contacted before he leaves, he will call this office after 3:30 PM.

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I told [REDACTED] there was no one in the office at time of his call, who could talk to him, but would make known his request.

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Scheduled on Sunday

5 Groups Plan to Picket Conservative Rally Here

A scheduled rally in Boston next Sunday, sponsored by conservative and right-wing groups, will be picketed by members of at least five organizations, including the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People.

The "New England Rally for God and Country," as its backers call it, is scheduled to be staged from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

Mrs. Harold N. McKinney of Dedham, a spokesman for the sponsors, said the rally "will offer the public a first-hand study of every aspect of the much discussed patriotic, anti-Communist movement in this country."

Mrs. Melnea Cass, president of the Boston branch of the N.A.A.C.P., announced that members of that organization, and others, will engage in "peaceful picketing" and distribution of literature in front of the hotel.

A partial list of cooperating organizations in the picketing plans, her statement read, includes the American Veterans Committee, AMVETS Post No. 328, Congress on Racial Equality (CORE), and the Unitarian Fellowship on Social Justice.

Mrs. Cass said that none of these groups "are seeking in any way to interfere with the freedom of speech, of press or of assembly of those responsible for the . . . rally . . ."

She added: "We seek only to draw public attention to the nature of this meeting, its speakers and the organizational forces behind it."

The scheduled list of speakers includes former Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson and Cong. John Rousset of California, an official of the right wing John Birch Society, who was defeated in a bid for reelection.

Also, Billy James Hargis, an evangelist from Oklahoma and the founder-director of the Christian Crusade organization.

Sponsors of the rally, listed on a printed flyer, include Col Laurence E. Bunker, a Wellesley attorney, former aide of Gen Douglas MacArthur, and an outspoken supporter of the Birch Society; Vernon Hitchins, Dedham banker and former president of the Massachusetts Republican Club.

Also, Lisenard B. Phister, prominent Boston trial attorney and former treasurer of the state Republican Club;

Boston attorney Robert H. Montgomery; and Archibald B. Roosevelt, only living son of ex-President Theodore Roosevelt.

The flyer announcing the rally also contains a partial list of "patriotic cooperators who have engaged booths." These include:

"Committee to Warn U.S. Citizens of Communist Imports into the U.S.A."

"Urban Renewal;" "Fluoridation;" "Christian Freedom Foundation, Inc."

"John Birch Society," and "The Committee for Economic Freedom."

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5 Groups To Picket Birch Rally

Five organizations, including the NAACP, plan to picket a rally at a Boston hotel Sunday that allegedly is sponsored by the John Birch Society.

Mrs. Melnea Cass, president of the Boston branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the rally will feature "rabid segregationist leaders."

11 LISTED TO SPEAK

She said they include Billy James Hargis of Tulsa, Okla., and Phoebe and Kent Courtney of New Orleans.

The rally is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Statler Hilton.

Besides the NAACP, the groups announcing picket plans are the American Veterans' Committee, AMVETS Post 328 of Boston, the Unitarian Fellowship on Social Justice and the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE).

Hargis and the Courtneys are among 11 speakers listed to address the rally. Others include former Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson and California Congressman John Rousselot, who was beaten in the November elections.

Mrs. Cass said "there is strong reason for us to believe that the organization responsible for this rally is the John Birch Society."

There are a number of admitted Birch members among the listed speakers, she said.

"It is the official sponsors column of the program," she said, "which provides the clearest indication of who is really behind the rally. Of the 24 names listed, 17 are known members of the John Birch Society."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

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FROM : [REDACTED] (LIAISON)

SUBJECT: NEW ENGLAND RALLY FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
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[REDACTED] He said captioned group plans to hold a rally next Sunday, 1/6/63, at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Boston, Mass., and it is anticipated approximately 5,000 to 6,000 people will be there. He said he expects it will be the largest rally ever held in this part of the country, of a conservative nature.

[REDACTED] said there had been considerable newspaper publicity the last few days, mentioning the Boston Herald and last night's Boston Globe, and believed the NAACP, by newspaper, had announced plans to picket the rally and he believed Communists or sympathizers would also picket it.

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[REDACTED] said some well-known individuals coming to the rally were:

[REDACTED] Congressman JOHN ROUSSELOT, of California;

[REDACTED] from Connecticut;

[REDACTED] from Dallas, Texas;

[REDACTED] from Virginia;

[REDACTED] from New Orleans;

[REDACTED] from Tennessee;

and others.

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Some of the groups coming were named as:

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AMERICA'S FUTURE;
AMERICAN OPINION;
FREEDOM PROJECTS;
CATHOLIC FREEDOM FOUNDATION;
YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM;
ANTI-COMMUNIST LIAISON;
THE CHRISTIAN FREEDOM FOUNDATION;
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS;
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[redacted] said each group will be represented at the rally, will have booths, pass out literature etc., and most are either conservative or anti-Communist groups.

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In the past Rockwell has also used Lagoulis' telephone number as a contact for those interested in attending organizational meetings of American Nazi Party sympathizers in the area. Rockwell was also arrested in Topsfield while using a car registered to Lagoulis' wife when he was en route to picket an Amesbury lecture by Gordon Hall, Boston authority on extremist movements.

Lagoulis operates the Broadway Costume Co. at 116 Broadway, Boston, and resides at 24 Church St.

In an advertisement announcing the opening of the book store that appeared in the December issue of Monthly Statements, a newsletter published by Birch Society sympathizers, Lagoulis is named as the person to contact for further information. His telephone number, HA 6-3560, is also part of the ad.

The opening of the book store, which Lagoulis will run, marks the first time he has been associated publicly with the operations of the John Birch Society.

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The Way Things Look To Welch

ST. LOUIS (UPI)—Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, has said the society doubled its strength last year and expects to double it again this year.

The retired candy manufacturer made the claim in a week-end interview with a St. Louis Globe-Democrat reporter. He declined to give details on society membership and finances.

Welch attributed defeat of three California congressmen who said they were society members to "vicious gerrymandering" and an inpouring of "leftist" money.

Birch groups have sponsored more than 100 billboard advertisements calling for impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Warren heads a court which is breaking down our govern-

mental system, Welch charged. It is changing the United States "from a republic as it was founded into a democracy that is being led into mobocracy," he said.

Welch said the society's effectiveness against Communism has been proved by attacks in the Soviet press. "They have reserved their worst epithets such as Nazi and Fascist for us," he said.

Soviet sympathizers, "who have infiltrated the very top levels of education and government . . . are stirring up liberals and Commysynps," he said. "Commysymp" is Welch's term for willing or unwitting preachers of the Communist line.

He said the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba was the responsibility of "Communists entrenched in government who wanted the United States to lose prestige."

He said the James Meredith integration crisis at the University of Mississippi was really an attempt to "demonstrate how dangerous and futile it will be . . . to resist central Federal power."

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TO : SAC, BOSTON

DATE: 1/30/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Attached hereto for the information of Boston
is a postcard addressed to [redacted]
[redacted] postmarked 1/9/63 at NY, NY, which
contains an item of American Opinion. It is noted that
ROBERT WELCH is Editor of American Opinion which our files
reflect is located at 395 Concord Ave., Belmont 78, Mass.

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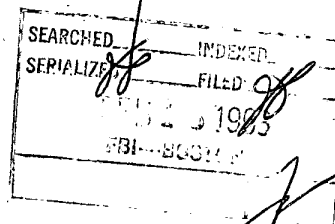
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[redacted] and
called + advised of receipt of
literature and took calls from
unknown person asking him to join
this organization. He said he was not
interested.

He was thanked for his call.

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SIMEON L. NICKERSON POST No. 64

The American Legion
Department of Massachusetts

South Main Street
MIDDLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

"For God
and Country"

100-32899
2/14/63

Dear Sir;

I am writeing to ask for some help on what the F.B.I. thinks of the John Birch Society. We have a new chapter of the John Birch Society started in the Town of Middleboro its [redacted] He is filling our Town newspaper with all types of news about communist whitch I am encloseing with this letter and some of the answeres he is getting in return. We of this American Legion Post of this Town do not Know if waat the John Birch Society is speading around is the truth: or the answer [redacted] is getting is the truth. Our Legion Post is split on a third beliveing in the John Birch Society. a third that don't believe in it and a third like ~~myself~~ Myself don't know what to believe I have been asked to join it and help fight but I would like to find out more about it. anything you can send me whether it be confidential or somthing I can inform the Legion Post or put an answer in the newspaper would be greatly appreciated.

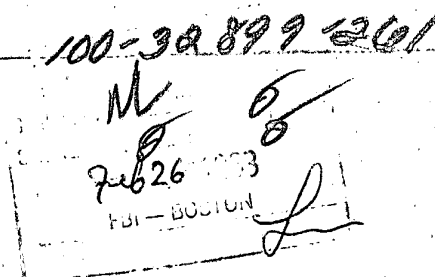
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February 25, 1963

[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of February 14th, with enclosures, has been received.

In response to your inquiry regarding the John Birch Society, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer from my inability to be of aid either that we do or do not have related data in our files.

I regret that it is not possible for the above reasons to advise you as to what action should be taken regarding the local controversy you outlined, but I would like to suggest that in your personal evaluation of the merits of any group or publication, you give careful consideration to its objectives and whether they are being achieved through orderly, legal procedures.

I also firmly believe that each of us should make a determined effort to gain a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy so that we may effectively resist its influence. At the same time, it is imperative that we remain calm, rational and thoroughly accurate in what we say and do in opposing this menace. We must not needlessly divide ourselves.

As further guidance, you may wish to contact the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion; the Chairman, House

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Attention SAC: On the basis of information furnished, neither correspondent nor [REDACTED] is identifiable in Bufiles.

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**Committee on Un-American Activities, Room 225, Cannon House Office Building,
Washington 25, D. C., and the Chairman, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee,
Room 3232, New Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.**

Enclosed are publications I hope you find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

**John Edgar Hoover
Director**

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-32899) [redacted]
Attention: SA [redacted]

DATE: 4/2/63

FROM : SUPV. [redacted]

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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On 3/29/63, [redacted] at the Nantucket Naval Facility, Nantucket Island, Mass., telephonically contacted the writer. On this occasion he advised there had been considerable activity on the Island apparently spearheaded by the John Birch Society. He mentioned Col. [redacted] by name. He advised that his purpose in calling was to provide information and that he had previously cleared this matter with [redacted] Executive Officer at DIO, Boston, Mass.

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I advised [redacted] that SA [redacted] was Resident Agent at Hyannis, Mass., and rather than get into a discussion over a long distance telephone, I thought it would be well if SA [redacted] visited him, at which time he could make such additional information as he had available to SA [redacted]. He stated this was entirely agreeable with him.

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He did point out that the Superintendent of Schools was somewhat concerned about the activity. I pointed out under no circumstances could the FBI advise the Superintendent of Schools or School Committee on this matter.

Subsequently, on 4/1/63, I reviewed this entire matter with [redacted] at DIO, on which occasion he advised it was his understanding that a school teacher had her life threatened. I told [redacted] this would be entirely a police matter based upon the information he had given to me and that in any event SA [redacted] would visit Nantucket within the next week or so. He said he thought this would be a completely satisfactory way of handling this matter.

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On 4/1/63, I telephonically advised SA [redacted] of the above and he will see [redacted] probably within the next two weeks on his next trip to the Island.

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Welch Says Reds In Birch Society

By PAUL GIGUERE

Communists have "infiltrated" the John Birch Society but have failed to dilute its purposes, founder Robert Welch reported last night in an address at Roberts Centre, Boston College.

Blasts 'Smear' Attacks

He told more than 1500 students — some of whom he admonished at one point for being discourteous — that "we have

our Communist infiltrators" but "we don't know how many."

"The Communists, unlike their successes with some other organizations that fought them, have not been able to get inside the John Birch Society to the extent that they can divide it into factions or divert its purposes by internal disputes," he declared.

Bitterly assailing what he said was one of the most vicious "smear" attacks ever perpetrated against an organization of patriotic Americans, Welch said the Society was definitely not a "secret society" but entirely outspoken and recorded in ample public documents as to purposes, aims and constitution.

In a long and detailed address, sponsored by the Boston College Chapter, Young Americans for Freedom, Welch described international Communism as "tearing its hair out at our tightly knit strength and ranting and raving at us."

"Though we are still comparatively small, we frighten and disturb them," he continued. "They fear our potential for the future."

"If we have eventually as many members in our organization as there are Communists, sympathizers and dupes, we shall be able to rout the whole Communist conspiracy from the country. The vast bulk of the American people are with us when they know the facts and the truth."

Attempts to blacken Birchers as "Fascists" and "Nazis" and followers of a secret movement are an often-used Red tactic and with fail because they are without foundation, he said.

He mentioned that "a vicious

smear campaign in the leftish and liberal press and radio" for a period caused a slow-down in membership drives. But, he said the society was regaining its momentum and now had chapters in 48 states, with the eventual hope of reaching a membership of 1,000,000 or more.

"Our strength has had to be solid to live and grow through what we have experienced (at the hands of defamers)," he said.

"We are a group of Americans organized to combat more effectively the evil forces that threaten our lives and our civilization."

RED TIDE RISING

After a number of cat-calls from a group of students and guests in a section of the balcony, Welch interrupted his address, took off his glasses and said severely:

"I have spoken to many thousands of students and I have never had such impoliteness, except once in Western Wisconsin . . ."

Devoting the first part of his address to a review of the "alarming" spread of Communist influence or take-over in many countries of the world since 1952, Welch warned that there also was a "rising tide" of the movement in the United States.

"Who would have thought in 1952 that Cuba would be a part of the Communist empire and that we would prevent Cubans of attempting to go and take back

their own country?

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Birch Founder at B.C. Lists 10-Yr. Red Gains

By HERBERT S. HADAD

John Birch Society founder Robert Welch lambasted virtually every facet of current affairs from Jacqueline Kennedy's hair-do to Japan's labor unions in a two-hour speech before a Boston College audience Wednesday night.

Warning of the "fantastic and terrifying" advance of Communism in the past 10 years, he said the Federal administrations were just continuations of each other, with the main change in the "hair-dos of the first ladies."

Welch delivered a globe-trotting analysis of Red takeovers, explaining that in Japan, for instance, powerful leftist labor unions engineered riots which brought about the postponement of Pres. Eisenhower's trip and the subsequent great prestige it delivered to the Communists.

Welch's talk, "In Just 10 Years," was sponsored at Roberts Centre by the B.C. Chapter of the Young Americans for Freedom. About 2000, the majority of them students, heard the right-wing conservative, and his speech was

interrupted intermittently by both cheers and boohs.

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Welch warned that if Communism moves at its present rate, in 10 years it will have control of all the world except for North America. "When the abolition of the United States is planned it is silly to try to prophesy," he said, "But if you don't change the trend, you will see Communism here."

He said the takeover would be accompanied by occupation of foreign troops, concentration camps, tortures, "and all that it will require is three percent to rule 97 percent of the population as complete slaves."

In explaining the organization of the Birch Society, Welch said there were chapters in all the states except Alaska and Hawaii. At this point he was satirically applauded by a group of students.

He stopped and said that he had faced "hostile" college groups before, but they had given him "respectful hearing. Only one other time, in Wisconsin, have I faced such impolite heckling as I have here tonight," he said.

Continuing, Welch said that if responsible and courageous Americans make no attempt to halt the Red advance, there will be a "gradual loss of freedoms in the next 10 years."

"They didn't believe it in 50 other countries, but there will be a stampede to the left." He said the economy, education, transportation, medicine and the family unit itself would be subject to centralization and nationalization.

"I don't say this has to happen, but I don't see any force on the horizon powerful enough to stop it. That is the reason I am making these speeches—to try to build adequate forces," he said.

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SAC (100-32899)

SA WILLIAM H. CARPENTER

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Re memo of Supr. [redacted] to SAC 4/2/63.

On 5/1/63, while on Nantucket Island in connection with another case, [redacted] Nantucket Naval Facility, was contacted. He had accumulated some newspaper articles pertaining to a school personnel problem involving a teacher named [redacted] at Nantucket High School. The articles revealed that [redacted] was a good teacher but he would not take orders from his superior, [redacted] who has been in that position for many years and is well liked by most on the Island. She insisted that [redacted] be let go or she would resign. The entire town became aroused over the matter resulting in two open meetings of the school committee and the majority of those who turned out were parents of high school students who supported [redacted]. This meeting brought out that [redacted] and [redacted] did not get along very well and [redacted] was on the side of [redacted]. The result was a compromise in which [redacted] agreed to move on to another school but he was not rehired at Nantucket. [redacted] then withdrew her resignation. The aftermath of two stormy meetings is that many are not speaking to each other and accusations of "Communists" and "Birchers" are being thrown about carelessly on the island.

[redacted] said [redacted] a parent of a high school student, told [redacted] that a [redacted] is a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and she has been giving pamphlets and books to [redacted] ER to distribute among the teachers of the high school to make available to the students. [redacted] said she objected to these books having [redacted] name written in them and certain passages underlined by [redacted]. She said this did not permit the pupils students to have an open mind about the matter.

[redacted] said he is a good friend of [redacted] and, [redacted] he accepted these complaints and literature from [redacted] and told her he would pass it on to the FBI. He agreed to have her child bring home from school all of this literature so it could be passed on to [redacted]. He said he subsequently learned from contact with [redacted] that she was "a distraught, hysterical woman" and not logical in her assumptions and allegations but bitterly opposed to [redacted]. He said there were no threats on the person of any one by any "Birchers", that having come from the imagination of [redacted].

[redacted] said [redacted] was disturbed about the entire matter and desired to talk with the writer. [redacted] was advised that the FBI was not investigating the John Birch Society and he said he understood that. He had no specific complaint or information regarding any subversive activities. The pamphlets included one by the Director pointing out we might know a Communist and recognize Communism. Another was written in the same vein by [redacted]. There was nothing in the collection of literature that appeared subversive and all of it was definitely anti-Communist.

With the above literature in hand, [redacted] was interviewed, at his request, 5/2/63. At the inception of the interview he was advised that the FBI

~~He~~ was not investigating the John Birch Society; that the FBI was not interested in any personnel problems of the Nantucket School System; that any complaints ~~or~~ or information he had of a Federal Violation or of subversive activities would be accepted by the writer.

He said the pamphlets which I had in my possession had been called to his attention and he did not know whether they were subversive or not. He said they appeared, in his opinion, to be poorly written. He said [redacted] had distributed them without his authority and if the FBI determined that they were subversive he was going to take immediate action against [redacted]. He admitted he had not asked [redacted] why she distributed them or even discussed the matter with her. b6 b7C

[redacted] said he had never experienced such "mob rule" and such a display of ignorance as he had when the school committee held an open hearing on the [redacted] case. He said, among other things, the Chief of Police shook his fist at the [redacted] when [redacted] insinuated that the petition signed by students in favor of [redacted] resulted, probably, from parental influence. The Chief said, "Are you accusing my daughter of being a liar" and his face flushed and he looked as though he were about to strike [redacted]. The others shouted and carried on in a fashion he was "amazed at." Then when he heard rumors of "Birchers" and "Communists" being behind this showing and display for [redacted] he telephonically contacted [redacted] at Boston and told him of what had happened and what was happening. [redacted] told him to conduct no witch hunt as he may or may not have a subversive situation there and that rather than conduct an investigation or make judgments himself he should report the matter to the FBI. b6 b7C

He then said he wanted the FBI to examine the literature collected by [redacted] and advise [redacted] whether or not it was subversive and he would then act accordingly.

[redacted] was advised that the FBI was a fact finding agency and not authorized to report back to him relative to its findings pertaining to the pamphlets. When he asked how he could determine who were subversives in this country and what organizations were considered subversive, he was told that the U.S. Attorney General determined those matters and that he might contact the U.S. Attorney at Boston for a list of subversive organizations. He took the collection of newspaper articles and the pamphlets, previously turned over to the writer by [redacted] and said he would send them all up to [redacted] and let him look them over and decide what to do thereafter. b6 b7C

[redacted] on 5/1/63, advised she was the mother of a high school student and she wanted to report that the "Birchers" were trying to "run the schools on the Island". She then repeated in substance what has been set out above regarding the open meeting on the [redacted] case. She was advised that the FBI did not investigate members of the John Birch Society ~~or~~ because of their membership therein not the Society itself. She then said the "Birchers" and the Communists were all "together here on the Island." She was unable to furnish anything more specific except to allege that [redacted] was a "Bircher" and she was submitting propaganda to [redacted] and the latter was making it available to the teachers and students. She said she could not prove that [redacted] was a "Bircher" but she was "rumored to be one." She admitted that [redacted] was anti-Communist. b6 b7C

Chief of Police, WENDELL H. HOWES, on 5/2/63, said that he knew of no members of b6 b7C

the John Birch Society on Nantucket Island and he would "bet my life" there are no members of the Communist Party nor Communist sympathizers on the Island. He said [redacted] is a loyal American who, at times, becomes a little fanatical in his opposition to Communism. He said [redacted] is a loyal American [redacted]

[redacted] because the latter played chess with the students during study periods and otherwise set a bad example for the students. She warned him several times and he ignored her warnings so she insisted that he be fired or she would resign. After two stormy public hearings conducted by the school committee, a compromise resulted and [redacted] contract was renewed provided he would leave Nantucket Island and teach elsewhere next year. [redacted] then withdrew her resignation.

Chief HOWES said tempers were lost and name calling resulted from the fact the Chairman of the School Committee, who conducted the meetings, let the meetings get out of hand. [redacted]

[redacted] to get rid of [redacted] said [redacted] came to Nantucket last [redacted] and has tried to change the whole school system and get rid of [redacted] but he is fast learning that he is not going to have his way as [redacted] is too well thought of and too efficient. b6 b7C

Chief HOWES said none of these complaints about "Birchers" or Communists arose before the school committee meetings. He said, "Where were all these patriots before the [redacted] row?" He said they are just using those threats and the FBI--if they could get away with it-- to embarrass the [redacted] supporters because they lost in their support of [redacted] b6 b7C

He said [redacted] tries to inject himself into civic affairs of which he knows little having been on the Island less than two years. He said [redacted] has been listening to complaints and accepting literature from [redacted] who is bitter about the outcome of the [redacted] controversy, and has recently realized that [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] He said [redacted] has been reported to him on more than one occasion for drinking to excess in public places in uniform and HOWES passed this on to the ONI when a representative of the ONI was on the Island. HOWES said [redacted] and [redacted] are close friends and both of them would do well to sit quietly on the sidelines until they have been on the Island long enough to evaluate the residents and learn of the feuds that are personal and long standing. Chief HOWES said he would keep the FBI advised of any indication of subversive activities as he has always done over the years but, at the present, he knows of none.

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Birchers Fail To Gag Hall In Gloucester

By JAMES F. DRONEY

GLoucester—The John Birch Society's effort to scuttle the public appearance here of Gordon Hall, expert on extremists, ended Sunday night with a success for the speaker and a victory for the common sense of the people of Gloucester.

Over 300 Attend

A considerable furore, mounted principally by a John Birch Society segment of the population, preceded the appearance of Hall, taking the form of mailing anti-Hall literature to leading citizens and to the local press.

But more than 300 persons, considered a large audience in Gloucester, turned out to attend Hall's lecture at the Wesley Methodist Church.

The audience conducted itself in a quiet responsible manner.

The whole incident was an example of the storms before the calm.

Following Hall's prepared address, he was subjected to a series of questions that appeared to have been drafted by Birch Society members, some of whom were in the audience.

Prior to Hall's appearance, police cruisers patrolled the area around the church at 10-minute intervals. But the orderliness of the proceedings was such that the patrols were lifted shortly after Hall began to speak.

Along the belt of automobiles on the streets around the church, only two bore stickers that have been identified with the Birch movement: One carried a "Better Red Than Dead" message, and the other cried, "Help! Get Us Out of the City."

ANALYZES GROUPS

Hall devoted his speech, as usual, to an analysis of extreme Left and extreme Right-wing movements in the United States as well as an exposition of the Liberal and Conservative philosophies of the U. S. which he calls the backbone of America's governmental strength.

He also revealed during the question period that he intends to file a libel suit against a Gloucester teacher who distributed an anti-Hall pamphlet in his classroom, if the facts show that the distribution was done with intent to defame Hall.

A high school teacher Friday distributed to his class the mimeographed sheet detailing excerpts from an attack on Hall published in the radical right Herald of Freedom in Long Island. Hall has filed notice of intent to sue the publishers.

The teacher, called to account, explained that since he was a social science teacher, he felt this was a perfect time to present his class with an example of "hate" literature involved in a local topical issue.

A reprint of the Herald of Freedom attack had been mailed to Gloucester clergymen earlier in the week, along with other Anti-Hall material. Attached to the mailing was the name of the Rev. Donald Waite of Newton's Faith Baptist church, who requested permission of Mr. Smith to bring a tape recording to the

meeting to transcribe Hall's speech.

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Hall's appearance was part of a series of seminars on current social problems instituted by Rev. John R. Smith. The first dealt with racial problems, and the second with peace groups. For the third, on extremist groups, the Rev. Mr. Smith selected Hall to speak.

The announcement kicked off a rumpus among some members of his congregation, but they reluctantly gave their approval. At the same time, through Harold R. Collins, a member of the John Birch Society in Gloucester, the Rev. Mr. Smith agreed to include a JBS member in the seminar series.

Col. Laurence Bunker of Wellesley, a member of the National Board of the JBS, is scheduled to appear next Sunday.

The Hall appearance also prompted this development:

A group of clergymen, one Catholic priest and seven Protestant ministers, signed a letter protesting the harassment that had been instituted to boycott Hall's appearance. The clergymen said the "courage of the community" would be attested by its positive reaction in the matter. The letter was front-paged in the Gloucester Times, as was an interview with Hall.

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TO : SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

DATE: 6/5/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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On 6/5/63, Lt. Commander [REDACTED] Chief of Intelligence and Law Enforcement, First District, U.S. Coast Guard, Boston, Mass., telephonically advised that the Coast Guard Life Boat Stations at Gloucester and Rockport (Straitsmouth), Mass. had received literature from the John Birch Society, signed JOHN WELSH, and postmarked at Gloucester, Mass. He said the literature attacks the policy of the Government and he felt it could possibly be detrimental to the men assigned at the Lifeboat Stations.

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Commander [REDACTED] advised he was furnishing the information for whatever action deemed appropriate by the FBI.

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Post Office Box 2344
Boston 7, Massachusetts
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[Redacted]
Nantucket, Mass.

Dear [Redacted]

This will acknowledge your recent correspondence
and enclosures.

Your interest in forwarding this information
is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

E. J. POWERS
Special Agent in Charge

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in local
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April 11, 1963

Security Supervisor
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
470 Atlantic Ave.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir;

I am forwarding the enclosed for your information. I previously sent both papers and a letter to you, and asked for a reply that you had received them.

Having received no reply, I assume you did not receive the other papers so I am mailing these to you from the mainland.

Sincerely,



Nantucket, Mass.

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March 31, 1963

Security Supervisor
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
470 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sirs;

I have just spoken to a gentleman in your office in reference to the enclosed newspaper articles. The editorial in the Town Crier is by a newspaper man who is a good one, and has never slanted the truth, in so far as I know. He is known for stating the facts. The editorial in the Inquirer and Mirror is by the new owner, a summer resident, who is a business man in New York. (His newspaper has a New York office) The letter in the I & M from [redacted] was NOT published in the Town Crier because [redacted] and her following are against [redacted] paper. The letter in the Town Crier from [redacted] gives her view as [redacted] the only one who stood by her original vote.

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It is a coincidence that [redacted] in this same week, got "The Hub", our local newspaper and magazine store, to start carrying "American Opinion".

[redacted] the John Birch Society on the island and, although there are many people who are not members, these people are led to believe and appear to have absorbed the hatred that this group seems to preach in this community.

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The majority of people at this meeting have no children at all, or none at all in the high school.

My concern is that if one young person DOES believe [redacted] letter that "this is democracy in action" and a "friendly but determined" crowd, then something should be done by someone NOW while this is fresh in their minds.

The issue to me is not about the principal, or teacher but the future for these children, who were so easily led.

If I can give you an further information, if you are interested in this, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

[redacted signature box]

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Nantucket Island, Mass.

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As you will note in the transcript of the meeting, the local representative of the New Bedford Standard Times wrote very one sided articles about this, even including untrue statements.

I would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt of this letter (preferably in a plain envelope) as the mail very often gets lost between here and its destination. The reason I ask for a plain envelope is not that I have any fears of writing to you but, before I would even receive your acknowledgment, it would be common knowledge about town that I HAD heard from you! This is very common in such small communities!

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As to my background, I have been a Navy wife for 19 years and have lived in Hyannis, Mass.; Norfolk, Virginia; Naples, Italy; Washington, D. C.; (My son still has the target sheet that was given him by one of your men when we visited the shooting range in your building in Washington) and Puerto Rico.

We love Nantucket and want to make this our permanent home.

I would certainly like to know how I, as an individual, can help do something about this.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Nantucket to Screen School Literature

Special to The Standard-Times

NANTUCKET, June 11

—Nantucket School Committee last night adopted a recommendation by Superintendent Charles H. Minnich that before any booklet, pamphlet or piece of literature is placed in a school library or in classrooms for use of the students it must be screened. A committee consisting of three teachers and the principal concerned will do the screening, and in cases where they are in doubt it will be referred to the superintendent for further decision.

The vote of the committee was unanimous.

Before the vote was taken there was considerable discussion regarding the fact that Superintendent Minnich had referred several books and pamphlets he found in the high school to the FBI and later to the U. S. Attorney General's Office in Boston for an opinion as to whether or not they were subversive.

He said he was questioned about the books and pamphlets by several parents who wondered if they contained subversive material.

Committeewoman Catherine Ellis Doyle charged Superintendent Minnich with attempting to "undermind" the principal, Mrs. Mary P. Walker, because he did not consult with her about the books before he referred them to Federal authorities.

Mr. Minnich said he took this action because this was the advice given him by some of his colleagues in the State Department of Education. He said the material was used in a Problems of Democracy class where part of the course is to explain the difference between Communism and Democracy.

He said that while his information from the U. S. Attorney General's Office is that the material is not on the subversive list he can identify at least one author as a writer associated with an extreme rightist organization.

He later said that the organization he was referring to was the John Birch Society and the writer was Fred C. Koch.

Mr. Minnich also noted that in one book "Brainwashing in High School" by Devin Adair names and certain sentences were underlined. "I object to that as I am opposed to any propaganda being circulated in the schools. "I believe that as loyal Americans, democracy means a great deal to us. American democracy is priceless, let's not taint it. If we are going to teach a course that deals with Communism let's do it right."

Mrs. Doyle said she questioned the need for the establishment of a committee to examine the books and pamphlets. "It is the superintendent's responsibility to recommend books to the School Committee. I don't see why, if there is any question about a book that a teacher can't consult with the principal and the principal with the superintendent."

Before the vote on the superintendent's recommendation was taken, Mrs. Doyle said she would vote for it as she was opposed to Communism in any guise.

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Boston, Mass.

— BOSTON HERALD
Boston, Mass.

— BOSTON TRAVELER
Boston, Mass.

— CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
MONITOR, Boston,
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— RECORD AMERICAN
Boston, Mass.

11 THE STANDARD-TIMES,
New Bedford, Mass.

Date: 6-11-63

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Author:

Editor: John H. Rogers

Title: JOHN BIRCH
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John Birchers Pick Mitchell For N.E. Post

Joseph McDowell Mitchell, of the society, that Mitchell whose controversial welfare plan as city manager at Newburgh, N.Y., attracted national attention, will become an organizer in New England for the John Birch Society next Fall. It was reported from the office of Robert Welch Jr. of Belmont, founder and leader

will come here after his resignation as Newburgh's manager becomes effective Oct. 12. Mitchell yesterday told the Newburgh city council he'll quit his job there on that date. He reportedly has been under pressure to resign since being acquitted on charges of bribery and conspiracy near the end of April. He had been

accused of exacting a \$20,000 bribe to change a zoning ordinance.

The city manager suspended himself from office but was back 138 days later after a New York Supreme Court found him not guilty.

A source at the Welch office said the founder, himself, hired Mitchell.

Mitchell himself claimed his

welfare plan was merely a crackdown on chislers.

But critics said it was directed at Negro migrants and others. The courts killed most of his program which Sen. Barry Goldwater (R.-Ariz.) had hailed as "a breath of fresh air."

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Boston, Mass.

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Birch Society Ups Income By One-Third

Income of the John Birch Society increased by almost a third in 1962.

According to the right-wing organizations' annual report filed with the office of Atty. Gen. Edward W. Brooke, income was \$737,716.87 for 1962, compared with \$534,241.58 in 1961.

Contributions and dues accounted for principal sources of income. Contributions totalled \$306,526.24. Dues came to \$296,326.66.

There is no way of accurately assessing the dues-paying membership of the society because yearly payments for men amount to \$24 and for women \$12.

The society, as a non-profit organization, is required to file annual reports with the division of public charities of the Attorney General's office.

This year's statement was filed July 12, three months before the due date.

Salaries for the organization amounted to \$370,474.95 in 1962, an increase of more than \$100,000 over the year before.

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THE MOVEMENT TO IMPEACH EARL WARREN
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 7/17/63, [redacted] New York City
Park Department, advised SA [redacted] that he is
assigned to Willowbrook Park, Staten Island, as an
attendant.

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He stated that when he reported for work at
8:00 a.m., 7/16/63, he observed that some unknown person had
pasted stickers of captioned organization in the washrooms,
on street and other public places in the park. He noted
that he removed about 20 of these stickers. He was unable
to suggest any suspects.

[redacted] made available one of the above
stickers which is being enclosed for the Bureau's information.

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For the information of Boston this sticker is
quoted as follows:

"THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT
Which side is it on?
Would you like to see the record, and
to know what to do about it?
Then order
THE WARREN IMPEACHMENT PACKET
One Dollar, Postpaid
THE MOVEMENT TO IMPEACH EARL WARREN
Belmont 70, Massachusetts"

Since The Movement to Impeach Earl Warren apparently
has headquarters at Belmont, Massachusetts a copy of this letter
is being submitted for Boston.

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

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☐ All References

Main Subversive Case Files Only

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Gen Walker In Dedham³

Retired Gen Edwin A. Walker, on a speaking tour to raise funds for Southern segregationists, addressed a Johnham Sunday night-ass ETAOI Birch Society reception in Dedham, Sunday night.

The meeting was at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harold McKinney, 265 Walnut st., Dedham. Mrs. McKinney, the mother of nine children, is chairman of the Dedham chapter of the Birch Society.

Sunday's meeting was not open to the press.

Robert Surrey, a spokesman for Walker, said the retired general would hold a press conference today at 10 a.m. at the Statler Hilton.

Walker is raising funds for 'Operation Midnight Rider'—a states' rights crusade.

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Dedham Reception for Walker

By a Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor

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Dedham, Mass.

Some 250 persons attended a reception sponsored by the Dedham chapter of the John Birch Society Sunday night for former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, who is seeking financial aid for Southern segregationists.

It was the second straight day in which reporters were barred from attending Birch society meetings for Mr. Walker, who is scheduled to leave Boston Tuesday for more fund-raising receptions in Cape May, N.J.

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The meeting was not open to the press.

Robert Surrey, a spokesman for the general, said Walker would hold a press conference this morning at 10 o'clock at the Statler-Hilton. He is on a nationwide fund raising tour called "Operation Midnight Ride" to help the cause for which he was arrested last fall at the University of Mississippi.

The meeting took place at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harold McKinney, 265 Walnut St., Dedham. Mrs. McKinney, the mother of nine children, is the chairman

A spokesman for the Dedham chapter said "Mrs. McKinney wanted to introduce the general to some of her friends while he was in the area."

It was the second straight day in which reporters were barred from attending Birch Society meetings for Gen. Walker. A similar reception was given for Walker at the Beverly estate of Countess Rosalind Wood Guardabassi Saturday afternoon.

The countess is a supporter of the National States Rights Party and the Gerald L. K. Smith movement.

Walker's aide said the general would leave Boston tomorrow for more fund raising receptions in Cape May, N.J.

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Birchers in Fight On Prayers Ban

By JAMES F. DRONEY

The John Birch Society is in forefront of two overt movements against Massachusetts school committees upholding the Supreme Court ban on prayer, the Herald learned last night.

In Cambridge, Jeannette McCloskey of 50 Follen, St. has stated she will file suit against the Cambridge School Committee. She is a fulltime paid employee of the John Birch Society national headquarters in Belmont.

USTER OF 4 SOUGHT

In Middleboro, where an effort is under way to oust four school committee members for their stand on the place of religion in public school, the man leading the drive is Birch Society supporter Leo Kahian.

Kahian has formed the "Committee to Restore Daily Bible Reading and Prayer in Our Public Schools" which is spearheading the recall of four members who voted against compulsory weekly meditation periods in the schools.

The committee is scheduled to march on the State House Wednesday to dramatize its cause.

Kahian's affiliation with the Birchers has been repeatedly stated in a series of letters to newspapers. In a letter dated April 17, 1963, to The Boston Herald, he wrote:

"I read your editorial today in regards to the John Birch Society. The only ones of whom I know that are afraid of the John Birch Society are You, the Communists, their sympathizers and the duped You, because you constantly, a per cent of the time, write distortions about it; the others because the JBS is exposing them."

PROMOTES BOOK

Kahian is also the author of a letter printed in Middleboro Brockton and Boston papers suggesting that the readers purchase Birch Society founder Robert Welch's revised publication of his book "The Politician" so they would understand why Welch termed former President Eisenhower a dupe of the Communists.

The John Birch Society in Middleboro also has sponsored a series of advertisements in the weekly newspaper pushing the Birch Society program. A typical ad appeared last July calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

The movement into the school religion questions is a current extension of two gambits employed by the group in the past.

The first is a continued attack on the Supreme Court, which promulgated the school-prayer decision; the second is the society's efforts to place members on local school committees.

In Middleboro, only 200 signatures are needed to recall a member of the school committee.

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470 Atlantic Avenue
Boston 10, Massachusetts
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Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 29, 1963.

Please be advised that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and information in our files is confidential and available for official use only. The FBI makes no evaluations or recommendations concerning the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. Our inability to furnish any comment should not be interpreted as implying that we do or do not have information in our files concerning the subject of your inquiry.

The interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS J. JENKINS
Special Agent in Charge

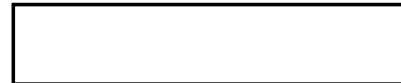
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October 29, 1963

Federal Bureau of Investigation
470 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Recently I have read some literature published by the John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts.

In the opinion of the FBI, is a citizen's membership in the John Birch Society reason or cause to doubt the citizen's loyalty to America? Does the FBI consider any of the activities or principles of the John Birch Society to be un-American?

Very truly yours,



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Priest Censured For Urging Warren Ouster

By Religious News Service
CS-1118 Bridgeport, Conn.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport has censured a priest who urged his parishioners to sign a petition calling for the impeachment of Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States.

The action of the Rev. Francis E. Fenton, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, was termed, "to put it mildly, ill-advised and uncalled for." The priest is an admitted member of the John Birch Society.

Earlier, the priest had advised his parishioners to sign the petition which was circulated outside his church by members of the Birch Society. More than 600 signatures were collected at the Roman Catholic church while another 1,000 were secured outside four Protestant churches.

The petitions were not discussed with the Protestant pastors or approved by them. Involved were two Congregational Christian churches, the Calvary Evangelical Free Church and St. George's Episcopal Church.

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Birch Society Newton School Issue

By GEORGE M. COLLINS

A Newton clergyman told his congregation Sunday that the John Birch Society is "an issue" in the local school committee election there on Tuesday.

Rev. Roland W. Junkins, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church of Auburndale discussed the candidacy of Rev. Dr. Donald A. Waite, assistant to Robert Welch, founder and head of the Society.

"The fact that Dr. Waite is

an ordained minister ought not to have raised many eyebrows," Rev. Mr. Junkins stated, "for on the American scene it has not been unusual for clergymen to seek political office.

"What is unusual about Dr. Waite is not his vocation, but his avocation," said Rev. Mr. Junkins, who told his listeners that Dr. Waite has been a paid employee of the Birch Society since June 17, 1963.

Rev. Mr. Junkins raised several questions to his congregation which he felt they should ask Dr. Waite relative to statements made in Birch Society literature.

He asked whether or not Dr. Waite supported the Society's stands against the United Nations, UNESCO and UNICEF and whether he supported the Welch directive to members to join their local PTA groups and work up into a position of control, from which they would move on to higher positions in the community.

Dr. Waite was questioned by the Globe last night after hearing the text of Rev. Mr. Junkins' sermon.

He freely stated his membership in the John Birch Society and said he had never denied membership. Dr. Waite said that he supported the Society beliefs relative to the U.N. and the specified U.N. agencies and that he approved Welch's statement that

E.S.C.O. and U.N.I.C.E.F. are "pro-Communist frauds, disseminating vast quantities of Communist propaganda."

Dr. Waite specified that his membership in the Birch Society was not his reason for running for elective office in Newton.

"I went into this contest purely and simply because the Newton School Committee would not give me and a committee from our church (Faith Baptist Church of Newton) a fair and honest hearing in our appeal before them for the continuance of Bible reading and prayer in the Newton schools."

Dr. Waite is co-chairman of

the Massachusetts Chapter of the Committee To Restore Bible Reading In Our Public Schools.

The organization disclosed on Saturday that it has filed a petition in Middlesex County Superior Court on the Bible-reading issue.

The petition seeks to compel enforcement of a Massachusetts state law calling for Bible-reading in public school classrooms. State officials have said the law is no longer valid because of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling last Spring that religious exercises violated the U.S. Constitution. The ruling was handed down relative to cases in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Dr. Waite did not take issue with Rev. Mr. Junkins' sermon except to say:

"Rev. Mr. Junkins and I are acquainted and friendly. He has evidenced a rather novice understanding of his subject. He lacks knowledge of the policies of the organization. He has misconstrued the Society's principles and beliefs."

"I would like to challenge Rev. Mr. Junkins to public debate as regards the John Birch Society. I would like to have the people of Newton benefit from this discussion. I think he could learn a lot from me and I could learn a lot from him," Dr. Waite concluded.

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Boston, Mass.
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Editor: Victor O. Jones
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Birch Chief Wires Condolences

Robert Welch of Belmont, telegram to Mrs. Jacqueline express our deep sorrow at the president of the John Birch Kennedy: untimely loss to our Nation of its youngest elected President and to convey more particularly to you and all members of President Kennedy's family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in your overwhelming personal loss.

Even though words are futile in the face of such tragedy please let me add this message to the tremendous number I know you will receive. On behalf of the Council of the John Birch Society, our personal loss.

Society, cancelled a press conference, rally and dinner scheduled to be held for him by the N. E. Rally for God, Family and Country, Friday and today. Welch sent the following members and myself, I wish to

Robert Welch

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Date: 11/23/63
Edition: Morning
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Editor: Victor O. Jones
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-0)

DATE: 12/5/63

FROM : G.E. HANLON

SUBJECT: QUABAUG FORUM, Brookfield, Mass.;
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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On 12/5/63, [redacted] of the Worcester "TELEGRAM and GAZETTE" newspaper office, Spencer, Mass., residing [redacted], advised that a newly formed organization, the "QUABAUG FORUM", Brookfield, Mass., is sponsoring a speech to be made at Brookfield Elementary School on 12/11/63 at 8:00PM. The speaker will be W. CLEON SKOUSER, former FBI Agent and new Editorial Director of the magazine, "LAW and ORDER". The announcement describes SKOUSER as a member of the FBI from 1935, for 16 years, when he left to accept employment at Brigham Young University. He was later Chief of Police at Salt Lake City, Utah. The topic of his speech will be "National Security and the School Prayer Issue".

[redacted] stated that he believes that members of the Quabaug Forum are members of the John Birch Society. He said that [redacted] and [redacted] are leading members or officers. He said that the organization operates a speakers' bureau from a Post Office Box address in Brookfield, Mass. called the American Speakers Bureau. He stated that [redacted] the Worcester [redacted] is also a member of the JOHN BIRCH Society.

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Above is submitted for information, and no investigation is being conducted.

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AIR MAIL (RM)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-004401)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Enclosed is a full page advertisement which appeared in Monday, December 16, 1963, edition of the Los Angeles Times, captioned, "The Time Has Come." This advertisement was sponsored by the John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts. This advertisement in paragraph three is quoting comments from the Director. Above submitted for information.

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Birchers Solicit Recruits

By JOSEPH T. SULLIVAN

The John Birch Society yesterday launched a massive drive apparently intended to beef up its membership and stem the rising tide of opposition to both rightist and leftist groups throughout the country since the assassination of President Kennedy.

Says Oswald Was Acting Under Orders

The society published a full page advertisement in the New York Times that stated: "We believe that the President of the United States has been murdered by a Communist within the United States."

It quoted former U.S. Rep. Martin Dies of Texas as saying that Lee Harvey Oswald was a Communist, asserted that "when a Communist commits murder he is acting under orders," and asked readers to send for either free "preliminary information" about the so-

ciety or other literature that would cost either \$1 or \$5.

Gordon Hall of Boston, nationally known authority on extremist groups, immediately attacked the advertisement as "hypocritical."

Noting that it conveyed a tone of sympathy for the late President, Hall said:

"In light of the incessant attacks on the President right up to the time of the assassination and in the light of the published

record of the John Birch Society, implying that the late President Kennedy was either pro-Communist or a Communist appeaser, I regard this ad as hypocritical."

Meanwhile, it was learned, the society has withdrawn distribution of its December issue of "American Opinion" because of critical charges lodged in it against the late President.

Col. Laurence E. Bunker of Wellesley, a member of the Birch

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Editor: David J. Farrell
Title: John Birch Society

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Council, denied that the advertisement, also slated to appear in other newspapers throughout the country, was an effort to either increase membership or remove the organization as a prime right wing target for public criticism.

He said he doubted that the Society has lost members since the assassination, said he didn't know whether there would be a new December issue of "American Opinion," and contended that the sole reason for the advertisement was:

"To reinforce in the public mind what happened on Nov. 22. We felt a less emotional and more basically factual analysis of what happened was necessary."

Pegler on Bobby

Several reports circulating say that Birch membership since the assassination has fallen off on the West Coast and in Texas and Arizona, bastions of Birch strength.

Hall quoted an article published in the September issue of "American Opinion" under the byline of Westbrook Pegler.

It began:

"If Jimmy Hoffa could entice Bobby Kennedy into a closed room with no telephone and with no holds barred, he could, and probably would, kick hell out of the attorney general of the United States. And that would be a fine thing for our country. If he could inveigle Jack Kennedy into the same room at the same time he could win an historic one-American Revolution over a pair of lawless, abusive low-brows. . . ."

Bunker said he couldn't recall the cost of the advertising campaign. A previous full page ad in the Times plugging the sale of "The Politician" by society president Robert Welch at \$8 a copy cost a reported \$8,000.

Silence Broken

Yesterday's advertisement, a virtual breaking of silence by the society since the assassination, was not signed by Welch but rather by members of the society's executive committee.

The signers (all identified by Bunker) were William J. Grede, former president of the National Association of Manufacturers; A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., president of Cherokee Textile Mills, Sevierville, Tenn.; Fred C. Koch, Wichita, Kan., industrialist; Clarence E. Manion, former dean of Law at Notre Dame; and Robert W. Stoddard, president of Wyman-Gordon, Worcester, and chairman of the board of the Worcester Telegram and Gazette.

"If you oppose the Communist conspiracy by learning and speaking the truth, you may expect to be smeared as viciously as we have been for five years. But you will be helping to save your family and your country."

Approval of the advertisement was given at a meeting of the Birch National Council in New York City 15 days after the assassination.

Hoover Quoted

Ironically, the advertisement quotes FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover as saying in 1960 that "We are at war with the Communists, and the sooner each red-blooded American realizes that the better and safer we will be."

On Dec. 6 one day before the Birch Council gave its approval to the campaign Hoover blasted "extremists of the left or the right . . ." as a "national disgrace."

Meanwhile, Mrs. Harold M. McKinney of Dedham, leader of the Birch Society's Chapter 5, announced that "The New England Rally for God, Family and Country" will be held July 2-4 at the Statler-Hilton. It had previously been scheduled on the same date as the assassination.

"It was the first available date we could get the whole hotel," she said.

Asked whether the rally had been pushed so far ahead because the Birch Society felt there was too much public pressure against it presently, she said:

"I don't see why there should be."

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Birch Society: 'No Comment'*By a Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor*

The headquarters here for the John Birch Society answered with "no comment" Monday reports that "American Opinion," national publication of the society, had been withdrawn because of critical comments about the late President Kennedy.

The society has taken full-page advertisements in leading newspapers throughout the United States expressing the view that the assassination proves the society was right in its campaign against the "internal menace" of communism.

Meanwhile, Gordon Hall, a Boston writer on extremist groups, said Monday that the society advertising conveyed a ~~hypocritical~~ tone of sympathy for the President despite earlier attacks on the President.

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Editor: ERWIN D. CANHAM
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Birchers Declining?

BELMONT—They were having refreshments at their annual office Christmas party in that undistinguished brick building on Concord av. and needless to say, they were serving from the right.

For the two-story structure in this Boston suburb is the national headquarters of the John Birch Society.

At this week's party, they were looking back on a fading 1963, looking forward to 1964.

Part of that glimpse at the new year certainly took in the society's membership, a rank and file the Bichers want to build.

And so for the first time since it was organized in 1958, the J.B.S. has taken out paid advertisements actively recruiting members.

After President Kennedy's assassination, extremist groups of both the right and the left were accused of creating an atmosphere of intolerance, hatred and possible violence.

The leadership of the right-wing Birch Society, which had long been critical of policies under Kennedy and his predecessor, President Eisenhower, expressed shock at the assassination and sent a wire to convey "our sincere and heartfelt sympathy" to the late President's widow.

In the interests of "good taste," the society pulled back from the mails copies of its magazine, American Opinion, because it contained two articles of the Kennedy administration.

Then, starting last Sunday, advertisements began appearing in several newspapers across the country, two declaring the Birch Society's belief that President Kennedy was "murdered by a Communist within the United States" who had been "acting under orders."

"The time has come," the ad said, "for those good Americans to join us in this fight against the powerfully organized masters of deceit."

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Offers Literature

The ad, complete with the Birch Society's Belmont zip code (02178), offered literature about the society, ranging from a free sheet of preliminary information to a \$5 "special packet" for those who wish "a thorough understanding of what the John Birch Society is, how it works, and what it hopes to do."

Retired Army Col Laurence E. Bunker, of Wellesley, a former personal aide to General of the Army Douglas MacArthur and a member of the policy-making council of the Birch Society, says the response to the ads has been "generally very favorable."

There has been "a certain number of scurrilous letters," Bunker says, but also "several hundred letters a day" from persons seeking more information about the society, which up to now has been regarded as something of a semi-secret organization.

Does the advertising campaign indicate a change in the Birch Society's recruitment program?

Bunker says it doesn't. "Our recruiting still goes on, mainly on a person-to-person basis. But we want people to know all about the society before they join."

He does concede that this is the first time the society as such has had an advertising campaign, although in 1959 a group which included several members of the Birch leadership, such as its founder, Robert Welch Jr., and Col. Bunker, bought some newspaper space in the name of the "Committee against Summit Entanglements." The ads urged the then President Eisenhower not to meet with Premier Khrushchev in "any summit conference, anywhere."

Was the more recent advertising campaign aimed at curbing a loss of Birch members, since the assassination? "That's definitely not so," says Thomas Hill, an official at the Belmont office. "It's part of our regular recruiting drive."

Officials at the Birch society's headquarters decline to say how many members the society has. Recent estimates have been about 60,000.

"We don't give out information as to numbers, nor do we say who members are," says Hill. But it is all right, he adds, if members wish to identify themselves.

"We've been increasing members," adds Bunker. And this increase, he says, has continued since the assassination.

The origin of the John Birch Society goes back to a December, 1958, meeting in Indianapolis, presided over by Welch, a retired candy manufacturer and a one-time director of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The society's name comes from John Birch, a Baptist missionary in China before World War II. When war came, he was commissioned by the Army and assigned to behind-the-lines intelligence work in China. He was killed in China on Aug. 25, 1945—ten days after the war had ended. He was 27 years old.

John Birch, by all accounts, was shot by a Red Chinese officer leading a patrol. It is not clear exactly when Welch first heard of young Birch, but he has described Birch as the first American "martyr" in the cold war, and the society was named for him.

Only Weapon 'Truth'

The society describes itself as "an educational army" with truth its only weapon, dedicated to opposing "the Communist conspiracy."

Bunker and other Birchites disagree with those who classify the society as an "extremist" group.

As Bunker sees it, the "extremists" are the American Nazi Party on one pole and the Communist Party on the other. The Birch Society, he says, is "thoroughly behind constitutional government, and, therefore, 'we're near the middle of the road.'"

As a non-profit organization, the society filed a required annual report last July with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The statement listed total income of \$737,716 for 1962, compared with \$534,241 for 1961. Disbursements for 1962 totaled \$694,615, mainly for salaries and traveling expenses of society coordinators.

According to the report, contribution for 1962 amounted to \$306,526, and dues \$24 a year for men and \$12 for women) totaled \$296,326.

Other income came from the sale of pamphlets and other literature.

Several years ago the attorney general of California described the Birch Society as "a collection of wealthy businessmen, retired military officers and little, old ladies in tennis shoes."

The society's roster of its 27 council members lists several businessmen and military officers but no women.

Welch, now 63, has been described recently as the society's elder statesman.

His name did not appear on the recent newspaper advertisements, which listed instead a five-member executive committee—William J. Grede, a Milwaukee industrialist and former N.A.M. president; A. G. Heinsohn Jr., a Tennessee industrialist; Fred C. Koch, Kansas oil company executive; Clarence E. Manion, former dean of Notre Dame University Law School and R. W. Stoddard, a Worcester businessman.

Welch still travels widely and continues to write the

society's monthly bulletin. He returned to Belmont late this week to get to work on the next bulletin and to attend the annual Christmas party at the society's office.

Someone who was there said the office staff exchanged small gifts. There were refreshments and a decorated Christmas tree. It was described as a Christmas party such as any organization might have.

(Boston Globe-N.Y. Herald Tribune)



LAURENCE BUNKER

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The Birch Society

To the Editor—I almost fell for the John Birch. In 1950, Bob Welch campaigned for lieutenant governor and I campaigned for secretary of state. We got to know each other and liked each other, or at any rate I liked him.

Larry Bunker and I were very close friends in the State Club, and still are. Personally I like all of Larry Bunker except his John Birchiness.

Hence, It was only natural that I attended a number of meetings preliminary to the launching of the John Birch Society.

When Dwight Eisenhower was named a Communist, I withdrew and have never attended any meetings of the John Birch Society.

Any tears for Jack Kennedy's assassination from John Birchers are tears of monumental hypocrisy.

Organizations following in the footsteps of the John Birch Society help to create the atmosphere that explodes into assassinations.

DOUGLAS LAWSON,
Boston.

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Gentlemen,

Could you please tell me if the John Birch Society is considered to be a subversive organization? I have been reading much about this group in the newspapers and hearing much about it on the radio. Some of their accusations, especially about our late president Kennedy certainly would have one believe that they are such a group. Could you furnish any information on the subject? Further I had thought of writing a letter to their headquarters, but if they are in this category, I do not wish to become involved, so I thought I would write to your office first. This is just an inquiry from an interested citizen, and I thank you for any and all information and advice which you can forward to me.

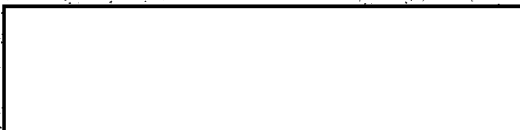
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 19, 1963.

Please be advised that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and information in our files is confidential and available for official use only. The FBI makes no evaluations or recommendations concerning the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. Our inability to furnish any comment should not be interpreted as implying that we do or do not have information in our files concerning the subject of your inquiry.

The interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS J. JENKINS
Special Agent in Charge

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
January 9, 1964

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The Sunday Patriot-News of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 1/5/64, page 9, carried an advertisement 10 x 14 inches in size. A reproduction of the advertisement reduced in size is attached hereto.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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THE TIME HAS COME

We believe that the president of the United States has been murdered by a Communist within the United States.

It has been pointed out by the Hon. Martin Dies, since the assassination, that "Lee Harvey Oswald was a Communist," and that when a Communist commits murder he is acting under orders. The former Congressman, head of the original Dies Committee, is probably second only to J. Edgar Hoover in first-hand knowledge acquired from early and long experience in investigating Communist activities.

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover said in a speech on October 18, 1960: "We are at war with the Communists, and the sooner each red-blooded American realizes that the better and safer we will be." He emphatically repeated this statement on December 3, 1963 — ten days after the assassination. And this is none the less war because the Communists conduct it according to their usual methods, without regard to civilized rules or human decency.

Nor is it in character for the Communists to rest on this success. Instead, we can expect them to use the shock, grief, and confusion of the American people, resulting from the assassination of our President, as an opportunity for pushing their own plans faster. Also, we shall be subjected to an ever greater barrage of distortions and falsehoods, aimed at imposing on the nation a completely false picture of the situation and of the forces at work. They have to subvert our minds as well as our institutions.

For five years The John Birch Society has said that, regardless of the external threat, Communism was a serious internal menace in

the United States. And we were right. We believe that this has now been proved, tragically but conclusively, to the deep sorrow, but also to the profound alarm, of all good Americans. The time has come for those good Americans to join us in this fight against the powerfully organized "masters of deceit." For, as Edmund Burke once wrote: "When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle."

The John Birch Society is an *educational* army, and our only weapon is the truth. But George Washington stated our problem well: "Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light." We take tremendous pains in proportion to our numbers and our strength, and all we need to win is that enough other patriots join us in our determination and our labors. For there is nothing the Communists fear so much in the whole world today as having the American people learn, too soon, the truth about their purposes, their methods, and their progress.

If you oppose the Communist conspiracy by learning and spreading the truth, you may expect to be smeared as viciously as we have been for five years. But you will be helping to save your family and your country from the same cruel tyranny that has already been imposed on a billion human beings.

The time has come for every red-blooded American to react as such. If you have the willingness to learn and the courage to support the disturbing truth, use the coupon below. It will be without any obligation on your part, and we shall not contact you further unless or until you request us to do so.

Sponsored by the Harrisburg Chapters of

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

A. W. Mannion, Section Leader for Central Pennsylvania

Exec. Comm.: Wm. J. Grede, A.G. Heinsohn, Jr., Fred C. Koch, Clarence E. Manion, R. W. Stoddard

Always Remember

Our President

Was Killed

by a

Communist.

The John Birch Society,
Box 3625, Harrisburg, Penna.

Gentlemen:

☐ Please send me, without cost or obligation on my part, a sheet of preliminary information about the Society.

☐ For the enclosed one dollar, please send me your Introductory Packet of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

(Check the box that applies)

☐ For the enclosed five dollars please send me your Special Packet, containing the basic materials from which I can obtain a thorough understanding of what The John Birch Society is, and how it works, and what it hopes to do.

Sincerely,

(Name)

(Address)

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

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By memorandum dated 1/2/64, received by the NYO on 1/8/64, [redacted] of the New York Telephone Company, 19 Rector Street, New York, New York, advised that the above captioned individual was questioned after he was observed pasting stickers in a coin telephone booth in the Port Authority Bus Terminal, 625 8th Avenue, New York City, advocating the impeachment of Chief Justice EARL WARREN of the Supreme Court. These stickers indicate that they were being made up for The Movement to Impeach EARL WARREN, Belmont 78, Massachusetts. Three copies of these stickers are being sent to Newark for its information and two copies to Boston.

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[redacted] advised in being questioned that he was doing this for an unidentified friend who gave him the samples to distribute to friends and he decided to stick them in the telephone booth.

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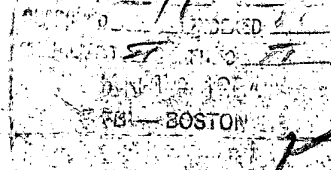
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[redacted] also furnished to [redacted] a pamphlet which is enclosed for the Chicago Office for its information entitled "The Truth About the Supreme Court", published by The Fact Finder, 111 N. Wabash Avenue, Chicago 2, Illinois.

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In his memorandum [redacted] furnished the following
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Birth [redacted] USA
Height 5'7"
Weight 160 lbs.
Eyes Brown
Occupation Stock clerk, but unemployed since
5/31/63
Marital Status Single
Previous
Employment [redacted]

Residence [redacted]

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The above submitted for information purposes.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Boston, Mass.

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Dear Sir:

First of all I would like to identify myself, [redacted] Post

[redacted] American Legion Post # [redacted]

[redacted] of American Legion of Mass. And a National member of the un-American activities committee, appointed by National Commander Foley.

We have a problem here in our town [redacted]

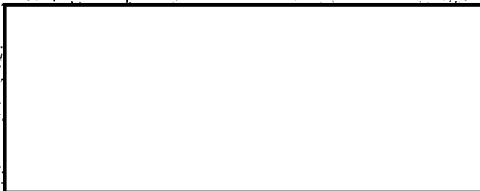
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employed by the American Publishing Co. of Boston I believe, and an officer in the John Birch Society is a candidate for the office of School Committee.

As an active Legionnaire, we in the Legion don't have much use for the John Birch Society. Could you send me all information on this man that you can or are able to send to me. The election is a little over one month from now. Thanking you I remain [redacted]

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470 Atlantic Avenue
Boston 10, Massachusetts
January 20, 1964



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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of recent date.

The FBI is strictly an investigative agency and information in our files is confidential and available for official use only. The FBI makes no evaluations or recommendations concerning the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. Our inability to furnish any comment should not be interpreted as implying that we do or do not have information in our files concerning the subject of your inquiry.

Your interest in writing to this Bureau is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

PAUL H. FIELDS, JR.
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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12/26/63

SA WILLIAM H. CARPENTER

[REDACTED]
RACIAL MATTERS

[REDACTED] on 12/15/63, said he had been con-
tacted on two occasions in recent weeks by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Buzzards Bay, Mass.,
in connection with [REDACTED] joining the JOHN BIRCH
SOCIETY. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the John Birch Society in the Cape Cod
area. He also is [REDACTED]
for this society.

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[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] called "Dolphin Enterprises". The office for
this business is in the Theatre Building, Main Street,
Buzzards Bay, town of Bourne, Mass. [REDACTED] being a
[REDACTED] was interested in purchasing the "Dolphin
Enterprises" which was advertised for sale recently.

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When [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] he had been
located in Germany with the U. S. Army, [REDACTED] became
very much interested in obtaining information about
Germany. [REDACTED] said he intends to go there to live
and it is a better place to bring up your children than
this country. He said he particularly liked to settle
in Bavaria, where the Nazi Party had its start. [REDACTED]
said he is very much interested in the Neo Nazis in
Germany as he feels that democracy is of little value
any more in this country having been infiltrated by
the Socialists and the Communists and other traitors.
He said it is also decadent and the real philosophy of
the future would be headed up by the Soviet Union or
by the Nazis in Germany.

[REDACTED] said the Negroes are multiplying in
this country 57% faster than the Whites and this is part
of a long range plot by the Communists so that the Negroes
can take over this country. [REDACTED] said we are support-
ing this growth of population among the Negroes by our
welfare system.

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[] said that we are at war with Communism and the traitors in this country and we might as well face it. He asked [] "How would you like to make a lot of money?" He told [] that someone else was interested in making a lot of money but when he, [] propositioned him regarding what he needed to do to make a lot of money, this man "chickened out."

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[] said that the John Birch Society has unlimited funds available to work with and he thought [] should join this society.

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When [] said he did not want to become involved in anything like that as he is already a questionable security risk because of the fact that []

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[] In answer to this [] suggested that [] could be an undercover agent for the John Birch Society. [] told [] that the John Birch Society members are all for violence and it is hard to hold them back.

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[] said he would like to have dropped a bomb in the middle of the Kennedy funeral in Washington, D. C., and thereby destroy the evil national leaders that were gathered there.

[] said the FBI and Secret Service arrested General WALKER in Mississippi and they threatened to do a frontal lobotomy on him if he did not go along with their thinking. He said the FBI and Secret Service actually abducted General WALKER at Mississippi.

[] said that [] is very anti-Semitic although he admits that his wife is part Jewish and he had two children by that marriage. He said if a concentration camp was set up for detaining Jews, he would have to submit his wife because of her possessing Jewish blood.

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[] then went into ideas about getting rid of certain people such as abducting them, taking them aboard a small plane and dropping them in the ocean after tying weights onto their bodies.

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He said it might be possible to raise money in this way, that is, by abducting the wealthy among such people and getting money from them on the threat of death. After obtaining the money under this threat, they then could be disposed of at sea.

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[] said he believes in a free state and storm troopers. He said during the Negro march on Washington, the John Birch Society had people in critical positions to take over the Government should the March by the Negroes result in an attempt at revolution in Washington. [] often repeated that the Communists, Negroes, and Jews have taken over this country and democracy.

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He said he was cultivating Germans and those married to Germans in the Cape Cod area because he feels the future of the world lies in Germany and reviving the Nazi party. He said he handles a number of foreign magazines, particularly magazines from Japan, Germany and Italy. He has a list of people who pick these magazines up regularly from him at his Buzzards Bay office.

[] said his wife is fearful that if he, [] goes to Germany, he will never return and she will have the two children to support in this country.

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[] appeared to be very anti-United Nations. He said he would rather have his children die pure than be taught some of the things that the United Nations is attempting to teach Americans. He said if anyone of his children were ever taught anything sponsored by the United Nations, he had instructed them to immediately advise him so that he can do something to punish the teacher for trying to teach such disloyal propaganda.

[] displayed an advertisement for "The Snooper," a radar setup which records voices at a long distance. He said a recorder can be attached or connected to "The Snooper" and record what people are saying.

[] told [] he was not interested in becoming involved in any manner with the John Birch Society.

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[] advised that he is [] the U. S. Government because [] He said he served for several years as an U. S. Army in Germany.

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Part of the reason [redacted]

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[redacted] He said he worked for one year and a half for [redacted] Police Department, and one of

[redacted] President Kennedy [redacted]

[redacted] When it was ascertained that [redacted] had suffered

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Army, [redacted] Police Department. He said he learned that the Police first became aware of his problem when his wife wrote a letter to the Director of the FBI, with copies to the President and the Secret Service, admonishing that [redacted] and should not have the [redacted] President because [redacted] U. S. Army.

It is to be noted that there is an Espionage file on [redacted] which contains a description of him, 65-4375.

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February 18, 1964

Agent-in-Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
470 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the expressions in the enclosed copy of the Jim Dobbins editorial cartoon, I deny now, and am prepared to repeat the denial under oath, that the John Birch Society in its literature or through any utterance of its authorized spokesmen has ever stated that "Oswald Was A U.S. Agent !" I deny, and am prepared to repeat the denial under oath, that "The Birchers Are A Communist Conspiracy."

I have been an employee of The John Birch Society for four years. I declare now, and am prepared to repeat this declaration under oath, that the John Birch Society is not now nor has it ever been a part of or affiliated with the Communist Party USA, the Communist Party of any other country, or any subversive group in this or any other country.

I declare now, and I am prepared to repeat this declaration under oath, that I am not now, nor have I ever been, a member of the Communist Party of this country or any other country, nor have I ever been affiliated at any time with any Communist-front or any subversive group in this country or any other country.

I declare now, and I am prepared to repeat this declaration under oath, that I have owed allegiance and do now owe allegiance only to the United States of America.

I welcome and invite any investigation of my past and present personal behaviour by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, or any Federal or State executive or congressional investigating body. I declare that I will not evade any answer by invoking the Fifth Amendment or any other Amendment.

I declare, and I am prepared to repeat this declaration under oath, that this letter has been written of my own free will and without consultation or advice from any individual or group.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Reproduction of Editorial Cartoon ("Strange Bedfellows") from Section One, Page Six, Boston Sunday Herald, February 16, 1964, with artist's signature, Jim Dobbins.

No reply sent
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State's Unplanned Future

Another year is passing in which the state of Massachusetts is failing to meet its fiscal responsibilities. For another year the state will not do at or will do inadequately many of the things a state government should do. And for another year there will be no intelligent looking ahead to see what will have to be done and how it is to be paid for.

The Legislature's continued refusal to find new revenue is piling up unmet needs or shifting the burden to the open-ended property tax.

Most conspicuous among the unmet needs is public transportation. But there are also a myriad of other deficiencies, such as the \$3 million still owed the cities and towns on local aid programs; the shortage in payments to hospitals for welfare patients; the half-fulfilled needs in mental health, public health and corrections; the slow-down in conservation programs; the lagging maintenance of highways; the shortage of expert personnel in such agencies as the Department of Public Utilities, Administration and Finance, Corporations and Taxation and Civil Service; the woefully inadequate grants to the cities and towns for education.

But these are moderate problems against what is coming in the future.

The state must sooner or later deal with massive stream pollution problems, not only with the Merrimack, but also the Charles and the Connecticut. Tremendous expansion of water and sewage systems will be necessary as the state grows increasingly urban.

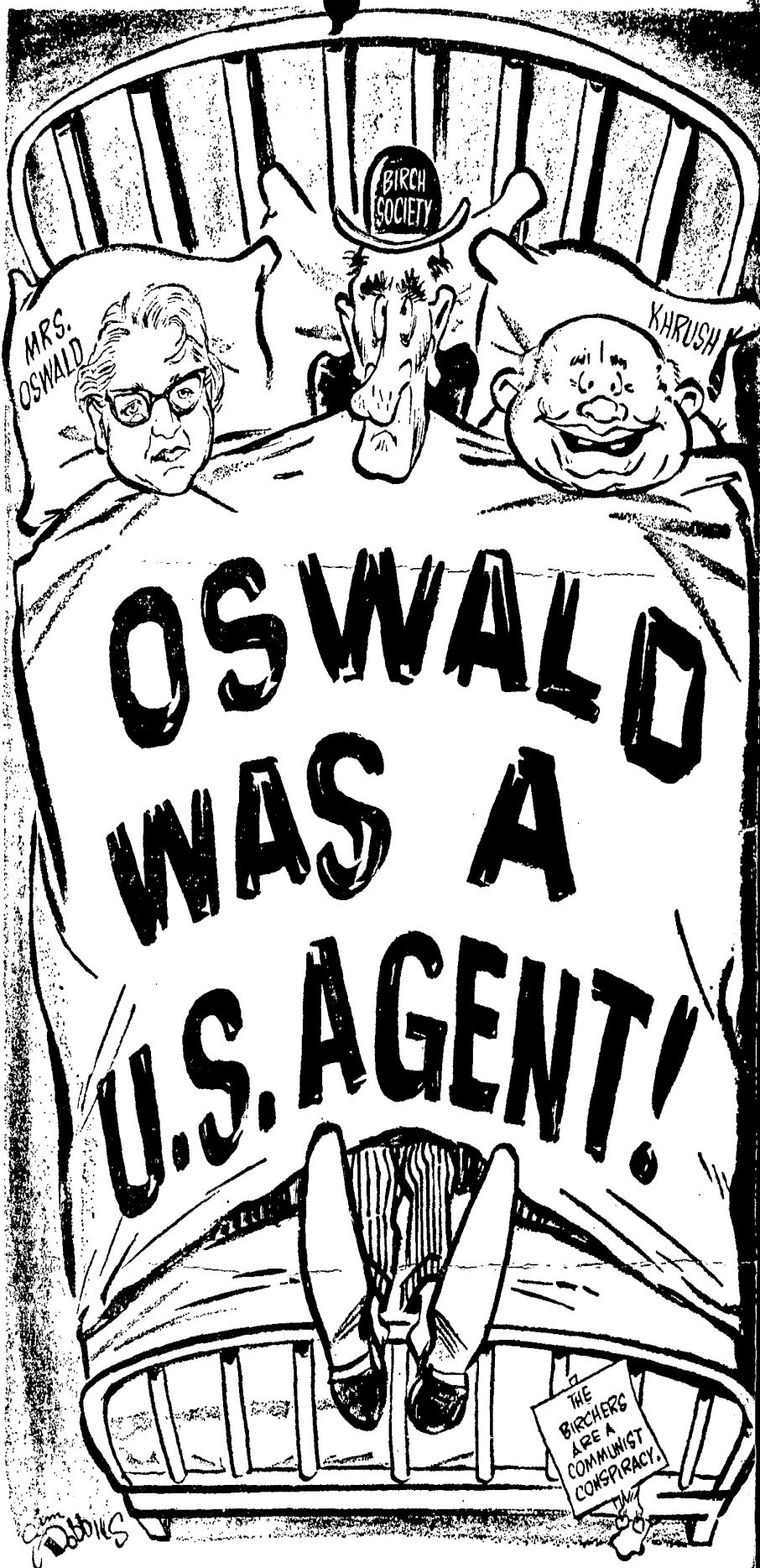
Higher education will demand more and more state money. Such moral responsibilities as improved justice for the poor, wiser treatment of alcoholics and narcotic addicts and the rehabilitation of criminals will demand more outlays.

The future burden of pension and retirement costs lies uncalculated ahead. A total state, county, city and special agency debt burden of more than \$1 billion demands peremptorily that we begin to move a little toward pay-as-you-go capital outlay.

The burden of the property tax must be lifted and made stable.

A rich and growing state like Massachusetts cannot meet these problems—if it goes about it intelligently—by always postponing

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS



February 18, 1964

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Agent-in-Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
470 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

In a cartoon by Jim Dobbins ("Strange Bedfellows"), appearing on the editorial page of the February 16, 1964 edition of the Boston Sunday Herald, the charge is made that "The Birchers Are A Communist Conspiracy."

As a member and employee of The John Birch Society for more than three years and one who has read carefully every single word ever published by the Society since it was founded in December of 1958, I resent this charge and I categorically deny that there is any truth whatsoever to it. Not only is The John Birch Society not connected in any way with the International Communist Conspiracy or with any of its branches, offshoots, or cells or with any organizations or publications cited as subversive and Communist by an official agency of the Federal Government or by any official agency of the several States, but it is vigorously opposed, by virtue of its beliefs, principles and actions, to everything which the Communists and their fellow travelers stand for.

By the same token, The John Birch Society believes that our American Constitutional Republic is the finest system of government ever devised by man and it is our sole interest to preserve and defend this system of government against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

How any responsible person, even remotely aware of the goals and purposes of The John Birch Society, could accuse us of being part of the Communist Conspiracy is beyond my comprehension. Such an allegation is malicious and libellous and obviously comes from a person who doesn't have the slightest idea of what the Communist Conspiracy is all about or what The John Birch Society is all about.

Mr. Dobbins' allegation that The John Birch Society has claimed that Lee Harvey Oswald was a "U.S. agent," is just as far-fetched and slanderous as his contention that we are part of the Communist Conspiracy.

I have considered these remarks very carefully and am prepared to reaffirm and defend them, under oath, before any duly-constituted executive, legislative or judicial body.

Sincerely,

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THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE AMERICAN
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On 2/15/64, [redacted] Grit
Publishing Co., Williamsport, Pa., advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] that the enclosed leaflet captioned, "Every
Vote for 'The Civil Rights Act of 1963' is A Nail
For the Coffin of The American Republic" was sub-
mitted to the Grit Publishing Co. to be run as an
advertisement by [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that when he told [redacted]
[redacted] that because of the nature of the article
it would have to be run as a political advertisement
and they would have to require an accompanying
signature, she withdrew the request.

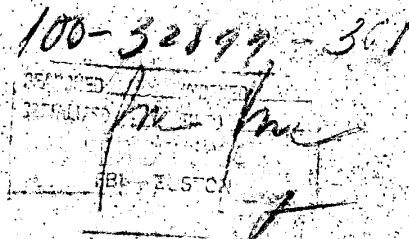
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Every vote for

"THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1963"

is

A Nail For The Coffin Of The American Republic

A recent president of the American Bar Association has solemnly declared: "The proposed extension of federal executive and administrative control over business, industry, individual citizens and the states by the package of legislation called 'The Civil Rights Act of 1961' exceeds the ~~sum~~ total of all such extensions by all decisions of the Supreme Court and all Acts of Congress from 1787 to June 19, 1961. When future generations look back through the eyes of history at this legislation they will recognize ten percent of 'civil rights' and ninety percent extension of raw federal power."

The results of this legislation would be enormous suffering by, and oppression of, both our white citizens and our Negro citizens alike; and such turmoil, rioting, bitterness and chaos as benefits only the Communists—or a federal government drunk with its drive for power. For a free copy of a brief analysis of this legislation by highest legal authority, write to Co-ordinating Committee For Fundamental American Freedoms, Suite 520, 301 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. For a full understanding of the background, forces, and purposes behind this legislation, send one dollar for *The Civil Rights Packet* to AMERICAN OPINION, Belmont, Massachusetts. //✓

In the meantime, the last bulwark against this Act is the hard pressed opposition within the United States Senate. If you oppose this "Civil Rights Act of 1961," make your protest known, emphatically and immediately, by telegrams and letters, not only to your own Senators but to as many other Senators as you can. The address in every case is simply Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

This advertisement has been paid for as a public service by
~~NORTHEASTERN PENNA.~~

THE ~~BLANKETOWN~~ COMMITTEE

TO PRESERVE THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC

~~1122 Main Street, Blanketown, Any State~~

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: MAR 31 1964

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

Weekend Edition

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ROBERT-WELCH INC
BELMONT 78 MASS
3-17-64-44-W

Midweek Edition

ROBERT WELCH INC
BELMONT 78 MASS
3-17-64-WR

On 2/24/64 and 3/9/64, [REDACTED] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished the current mailing lists of the Weekend and Midweek Editions of "The Worker", respectively.

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The name and address of an individual on either or both of these lists is attached above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BOSTON

DATE: 4/15/64

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FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548) (RUC)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

The 2/10/64 issue of the "Daily Free Press", Kinston, N. C., daily newspaper, contains a full page advertisement entitled "The Time Has Come" by the John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts. This article starts off by stating "The President of the United States has been murdered by a Marxist-Communist within the United States" and ends with a request for persons to fill out the coupon at the bottom of the advertisement. The coupon is addressed to this society at Belmont, Mass., and a person can request a sheet of information about the Society; an introductory packet for \$1; or a special packet for \$5. The advertisement includes a footnote requesting people who want to help put this article in newspapers throughout the country to send a contribution to the Society.

The foregoing is submitted to you in order that your office can be aware of the extent of distribution of this article.

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Welch Mum on Prelate's Blast

Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, maintained a stiff—and silent—upper lip Tuesday on the repudiation of his group by Cardinal Cushing.

The prelate, in a radio talk over Station WNAC, withdrew an alleged endorsement of the right-wing organization which he gave four years ago, and declared:

"I would prefer imprisonment and death under a slave state than membership in an organization which has branded a martyred president of the United States a Communist."

His blast was prompted by a radio broadcast which originated in New York Sunday, in which two officials of the John Birch Society claimed that the Cardinal had endorsed the group and had agreed with them that Presidents Roose-

velt and Kennedy were Reds.

The Cardinal requested equal time to reply and, when he was granted it, denied that he ever voiced such sentiments about Kennedy and Roosevelt denied that he was a member, and condemned its tactics.

When Welch arrived at his Belmont headquarters Tuesday morning, he walked by reporters who were waiting to get his reaction to the Cardinal's criticism, and made no effort to

answer their questions.

Later, he could be seen inside the building, engaged in deep conversation with his ~~side~~

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Cardinal Raps Birch Charges

By ROBERT J. ANGLIN

Cardinal Cushing angrily declared Monday night that he would prefer imprisonment and death to membership in the John Birch Society.

He termed "a colossal lie" reported claims by two members of the right-wing organization that he endorsed the society and agreed with them that Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Kennedy were Communists.

The cardinal scathingly denounced the Birch Society over radio station WNAC, where he appeared to rebut statements allegedly made by two Birchers Sunday morning on the Long John Nebel show from New York, which is heard here.

The remarks were attributed to Atty. Tom Davis, a coordinator for the society, and Scott Stanley Jr., editor of American Opinion, the John Birch publication.

"Shame, shame, shame for attempting to blight the char-

acter, mar the memory and distort the image of a martyr for his country to the image of that of a traitor," Cardinal Cushing said.

"If it is true that two members of this society called my nearest and dearest friend, the late John Kennedy, a Communist, they and their associates owe the people of all nations who loved him and will never forget his tragic death a profound apology," he said.

It was "an incredible remark," he said.

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"I can't imagine anyone claiming that I agreed that the late Presidents Roosevelt and Kennedy were Communist."

"The late President Roosevelt has many a friend to speak up for him," the cardinal said.

"I never met President Roosevelt. I am proud to add, however, that I knew the late President Kennedy better than any member of the John Birch Society or all of them put together," he said.

The cardinal said that for the past four years members of the John Birch Society have been claiming he endorsed their organization because of a letter he sent a Los Angeles man.

"A few years ago I met for the first and only time Mr. Robert Welch (founder of the John Birch group). He impressed me as an excellent Baptist and dedicated anti-Communist," the cardinal said Monday night.

Sometime later, he said, he received a letter from a Los Angeles man inquiring if he endorsed the John Birch Society and Welch.

He said he replied in a letter dated Apr. 28, 1960: "I beg to advise you that I know of no more dedicated anti-Communist in the country than Robert Welch. I unhesitatingly recommend him to you and endorse his John Birch Society."

The cardinal said he also sent along some anti-Communist literature.

"That date, my friends, is very important to remember," Cardinal Cushing said Monday night.

"In recent times that letter has been publicized by those interested in the John Birch Society," he said.

"I now publicly retract that letter, and especially its reference to the John Birch Society."

"I was never a member of the society."

"In view of the extreme statements and articles printed or approved by the society since the time I met my good friend Robert Welch, I could not in conscience endorse this organization or be affiliated with it in any way," he said.

"I do not consider this society an effective way of confronting the international conspiracy of atheistic communism," he said.

"For years they have used this letter without my permission, not in the Eastern section of the United States, but in the Far West and the Middle West and elsewhere for the expansion of the John Birch Society."

"I never want my name identified with it in any way."

"On the contrary, I would prefer imprisonment and death under a slave state than membership in an organization that has branded a martyred President of the United States as Communist," he said.

The cardinal said that his retraction of the letter was long overdue but that he has been waiting "for the day when members of the John Birch Society extend propaganda by use of my name to this part of the country—which they did Sunday."

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Group to Invite Bircher to UNH

Special to The Herald

DURHAM — The embattled
No Time For Politics Committee

last night announced that it would go forward with plans to present Norman Thomas, a socialist, and a "John Birch" type of speaker on the University of New Hampshire campus.

Originally organized to bring a wide range of speakers to UNH, the committee is now at the center of a controversy over whether or not James E. Jackson, a Communist editor, should be allowed to speak from a UNH platform.

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The committee had invited Jackson to appear here some weeks ago, but on Monday the UNH trustees and administration told the committee it would have to allow an "anti-communist" to sit on the stage and rebut whatever Jackson might have to say.

Nothing doing, said the committee, either Jackson would get a free platform or there would be no speech, so the invitation was withdrawn Wednesday night.

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That's where the matter now stands as far as the No Time For Politics people are concerned, although another student group is planning to re-issue the invitation.

No Time For Politics was formed under the aegis of the Student Union's board of governors to build student interest in political affairs.

It was originally composed of representatives from the Young Republicans, Young Democrats and Young Americans for Freedom plus unaffiliated members.

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Town of Burlington

MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF OF POLICE
272-1212

April 29, 1964
Burlington, Mass.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
470 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, Mass.

Att: Agent in Charge

Dear Sir:

Received enclosed material April 28, 1964. If of no
interest to you, please discard.

Very truly yours,

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Edward C. McCafferty
Edward C. McCafferty
Chief of Police
Burlington, Mass. *PS*

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STAR MARKET CO.

625 Mount Auburn Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts
Telephone: 491-3000

June 15, 1964

Special Agent [redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
470 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear [redacted]:

As per my conversation with you, I am forwarding the enclosed invitation to attend a 5th Anniversary meeting celebrating the founding of the John Birch Society, to be held on the evening of July 4 at the Grand Ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel. There is also enclosed the acceptance card and stamped envelope addressed to Colonel Bunker who is apparently in charge of the affair.

For some years I have been acquainted with [redacted] and it is my understanding that of recent years she has become affiliated with this society. This will explain how my name was furnished to the John Birch Society and I am most anxious to have it understood that it much against my wishes that my name be on such a mailing list. I have written these people to that effect and am simply desirous of having this on record.

Sincerely, [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-32899*)

DATE: June 16, 1964

FROM

[REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;
ROBERT H.W. WELCH, JR.

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On June 15, 1964, a [REDACTED] of the Star Market Company, Cambridge, Mass., telephonically advised that he received an invitation to attend a function of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. [REDACTED] stated he has no interest in the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and the receipt of the invitation was completely involuntary on his part.

He stated he is a [REDACTED] and requested it be made a matter of record that the above receipt of correspondence from the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is completely against his wishes. He further stated he would send the above invitation to this office.

June 19, 1964

Letter received from [REDACTED] on this date, enclosing the above mentioned invitation. Invitation indicates a dinner is to be held on July 4, 1964 in the Grand Ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel, Boston, honoring ROBERT H.W. WELCH, JR., and celebrating the 5th anniversary of the founding of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

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Birch Society Report Shows It Deeper In Red

Birch Balance Sheet

Here is the breakdown for 1963 as filed by the society:

RECEIPTS

Gross Sales or Receipts from Business Activities	\$67,198.28
Less Cost of Goods Sold or of operations	\$48,686.70
Gross Profit from Business Activities	\$18,511.58
Gains (or loss) from sales of assets	(\$66.00)
Other Income	\$1,025,210.42
Total Gross Income	\$1,043,656.00

EXPENSES, DISBURSEMENTS AND ACCUMULATIONS

Salaries and Wages of Employees	\$545,025.56
Interest	\$1,002.26
Taxes	\$25,433.81
Bad Debts	\$3,542.71
Depreciation and Depletion	\$14,961.03
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$580,007.36
Total Expenses	\$1,169,972.73
Contributions, gifts, grants	\$25.00
Total Expenses	\$1,169,997.73
Deficit	(\$126,341.73)
Deficit at the beginning of the year	(\$84,612.87)
Accumulated Deficit	(\$210,954.60)

The John Birch Society went deeper in the hole financially in 1963, the attorney general's office reported today.

In a report filed with the AG's office, the society shows a cumulative deficit of \$210,954—\$84,612 of which was in existence at the end of 1962.

While the deficit has gone up, income for the society also was on the increase.

The report covered the nationwide activities of the right-wing society, which has its headquarters on Concord Ave., Belmont.

Officers listed on the report were Robert Welch, president and treasurer, of 43 Fletcher Rd., Belmont, and Ellen M. Lovett, secretary, of 719 Great Plain Ave., Needham.

In 1963, gross income amounted to some \$1,043,656, compared to a gross income of \$737,716 in 1962.

The financial report was received earlier in the month at the Charities Division of the Attorney General's office. However, for the first time the Birch Society failed to file a breakdown of its receipts of income and expenditures.

An aide to the attorney general said: "They don't have to file the additional information. The society is not really a charity."

The report does not break down over \$1 million in income

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as well as \$580,000 in "miscellaneous expenses."

Last year, for the filing of the 1962 report, the society itemized these expenditures and receipts. Since then, the society concluded, and the attorney general's office agreed, that such an itemized statement was not required by law.

In 1962, the Society listed income amounting to some \$693,184.61 as "other income." Its itemized statement showed this resulted from \$293,326.66 in dues, \$66,749.50 in advertising, \$306,526.24 in contributions, \$22,457.37 in speeches and seminars and \$1,124.84 in sundry income.

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Income, Deficit Up At Birch Society

The John Birch Society had more income but went further into debt during 1963, according to a report on file in the office of Atty. Gen. Edward Brooke.

The deficit increased during 1963 from \$84,612 to \$210,954, while the income rose from \$737,716 to \$1,043,656.

The ultra-conservative organization is headquartered in Belmont where its president, Robert Welch, resides.

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Warning to Birch Chief

By JACK BELL

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Some of Barry Goldwater's troubles with the far right were exemplified by his relations with the John Birch Society. Robert Henry Winborne Welch Jr., the founder of the secret membership society, had been a friend of the Goldwater family.

This Bostonian wrote a manuscript in which he charged that Dwight D. Eisenhower had been guilty of "knowingly accepting and abiding by Communist orders, and consciously serving the Communist conspiracy for all his adult life."

In Welch's writings, then Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, his brother, CIA Director Allen W. Dulles, Chester Bowles, Arthur H. Dean, Charles E. Bohlen, and many others were called dupes of communism.

Welch blew hot and cold about Goldwater.

At one point he said "I'd love to see him President of the United States and maybe some day we shall."

At another he told his colleagues of the Birch Society that he regarded the Arizona senator as a totally loyal man who would make a good President. But he added:

"Does anybody in this room think there is any slightest chance of Barry Goldwater supplying the over-all, dynamic leadership needed to save this country for anybody to be President of?"

"If so, I think he is still not fully aware of the nature and totality of the forces at work. For Goldwater . . . will inevitably think and move in terms of political warfare."

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The Arizona senator revealed that he had known about Welch's manuscript, with its extreme statements, shortly after it first was projected.

"I saw the controversial book that Bob Welch prepared, in about 1956," Goldwater said. "In fact, I think I was probably one of the first to receive it because at that time Mr. Welch was visiting his brother, who was wintering in Arizona, and he delivered it to my home."

"I returned it to him with the comment that if he could not prove every word of it he had better do one of two things, or preferably both—destroy all of the books and then retract the statements that were contained in them."

"I told him at the time that these statements, if found out—and they were bound to be discovered—would work a hardship on the people connected with him. Now we have seen Welch's connection with the society hurting it."

"I am only aware of the activities of one of these groups and that is the one organized in my hometown of Phoenix. The members are exceedingly high class, intelligent people who have done a very thorough job in our state of disclosing the goals of communism. If they confine their activities to this field, I can see nothing wrong with that."

"My sole criticism of the group has been wrapped up in Bob Welch's being head of it, not only because of what he wrote about Eisenhower and others, but also the dictatorial stand he has taken in relationship to the direction of the organization itself."

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Goldwater was unwilling to cut the Birchites off his list of potential supporters. Asked by Lawrence E. Spivak on a "Meet The Press" (NBC-TV) program about President Ken-



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nedy's attack on "right-wing extremists," Goldwater replied:

"The Birch Society, from what I can hear of them, constitutes no danger. I am far more concerned with the extremists to the left than I am with the extremists to the right."

He said he regarded the "Minutemen," who armed themselves, as "a danger because they violate a charge of the Constitution: the defense of our country and our people is the duty of the government."

When he was faced down on the issue of whether he would accept the political support of the Birch Society in any race he might undertake, Goldwater squirmed a bit and replied:

"I would accept political support."

"I am not worried about the extreme right wing in our country," he told a Massachusetts audience. "They are not in government in Washington. I am worried about the extremists on the left."

He said he could count 31 members of Americans for Democratic Action (A.D.A.) "in the White House." He was fond of describing the A.D.A.'s 1961 policy statement as one that "reads like a brief for Red China and Castro's Cuba." He frequently topped this off with the observation that "there can be no denying that all the winds of appeasement blow from the left."

Goldwater himself thus edged into the language of the fringe, which he had deprecated in the past. He had complained at one point that "one of the things that make conservatism hard to sell is that its exponents make such violent, damn-fool statements."

As time went on, Goldwater spoke less often in the language of the fringe. But now and then he couldn't contain himself within the limits he had set. The old tendency to pop off overcame him.

Invited to speak at the National Interfraternity Conference in Los Angeles, he made the observation that "where fraternities are not allowed,

Communism flourishes." No one lost this indirect reference to Harvard, which has no fraternities. Goldwater added that "young men who are inexperienced but have faith are more useful than older, experienced men without faith."

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Conte Sued By Birchers For 'Slander'

PITTSFIELD — Two members of the John Birch Society have brought a \$1,000,000 lawsuit against U.S. Rep. Silvio Conte, charging they were slandered by the congressman at the Republican national convention last week.

Leo A. Kahian, a Middleboro businessman, said Thursday night he and Donald A. Waite of Newton will act as their own counsel in the case.

'Remarks Hurt'

They base the suit, Kahian said, on Conte's remarks made about the Birch Society, a right-wing group.

Neither man was named directly by Conte but Kahian said that since he and Waite are known and acknowledged Birchers the congressman's remarks constituted slander and had hurt them in their communities.

Waite and Kahian sent to Berkshire County Sheriff John D. Courtney, Jr., a writ announcing the action and asking him to serve the necessary process papers on Conte.

The congressman, who returned home Thursday night, said he had heard of the suit but he had not yet been served. He declined further comment.

Sheriff Courtney said Conte will be served Friday.

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Bircher Claims Reds Behind Rights Groups

The civil rights movement, culminating in the passage last week of the Civil Rights Bill, is the "major internal domestic thrust" of the American Communist Party, according to John H. Rousselot, former Congressman from California and new public relations director for the John Birch Society.

Rousselot spoke Sunday before the New England Rally for God, Family and Country at the Statler Hilton. Thomas

J. Anderson, editor and publisher of Farm and Ranch Publications, also spoke.

The rally was conceived more than three years ago by Mrs. Harold N. McKinney, who served as its executive secretary. Col Laurence E. Bunker of Wellesley was chairman.

Rousselot contended that a major link exists between the American Communist party and the Negro leaders of organizations behind the civil rights movement. Many of these leaders and their subordinates, he claimed, have belonged to Communist-front organizations.

Rousselot admitted there was no direct evidence that the organizations are Communist. He said that if anyone studied past testimony and actions of their leaders, plus evidence marshalled by the House Committee on Un-American Activities the conclusion must be that they are either Communists or Communist sympathizers.

He said the Civil Rights Bill itself is a "major advance" for the Communists in that it extends state control over individuals and organizations.

The bill, he said, quoting from a former president of the American Bar Assn., is only 10 percent civil rights and 90 percent a "cloak" for the extension of Federal power. It is unconstitutional because it "breaks down constitutional freedom," which includes the right of free choice in the use of private property.

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John Birch Parents To Attend Hub Rally

"We love everybody," said Mrs. Anna McKinney, secretary of the New England Rally for God, Family and Country, as she introduced guests and speakers at a pre-rally reception Friday evening at the Statler Hilton.

Fifty-six conservative organizations "whose only aim in life is to try to save our Republic," are represented at the three-day convention, according to Mrs. McKinney.

Among the honor guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Birch of Georgia, for whose son the John Birch Society was named.

"Everywhere I go, I see the John Birch Society members are the cream of the crop," Mrs. Birch told the enthusiastic gathering. "I think it's just wonderful."

Rally Chairman Col Laurence E. Bunker said the aim of the convention is to "bring people from all over the nation

and put them on display in Boston, to show people it's respectable to be a conservative."

More than 2000 people are expected to attend sessions today and Sunday.

The idea for the rally originated two years ago in the minds of two Boston police officers, Fred Perkins and Arthur Daly.

They approached Mrs. McKinney, a well-known Catholic and civic leader in Dedham, and the three were eventually able to obtain enough money, enough sponsors, and enough supporters to take over all the function rooms at the Statler for the week-end.

Speakers at the rally will include Mary Dawson Cain, editor of the Summit (Mississippi) Sun; John H. Roussetot, former congressman from California and newly-appointed director of public relations for the John Birch Society; and G. Edward Griffin, author of "The Fearful Master, A Second Look at the United Nations."

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)
SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

Sergeant [redacted] Massachusetts State Police advised 7/2/64, that the "New England Rally for God and Country" is to be held 7/4 - 5/64, at the Hotel Statler-Hilton, Boston.

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Rally is a joint effort of the JOHN BIRCH Society and Young Americans for Freedom. DAN SMOOT, former agent, scheduled to speak at the rally.

Sergeant [redacted] expects that this "right-wing rally" will be picketed by NAACP, CORE and Renaissance Club.

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JOSEPH H. FARRAND

Chief of Police



Police Department
CITY OF LEWISTON
Maine

August 14, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Building
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find printed material which I received
this date and am forwarding to you as per our telephone
conversation.

Thanking you for your attention in this matter,
I remain

Very truly yours,

Joseph H. Farrand

JOSEPH H. FARRAND
Chief of Police

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Boston

DATE: 8-18-64

FROM : S.A. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: John Birch Society
Internal Security

Chief Joseph Garrand of the Lewiston
Maine Police Dept advised 8/14/64 that he
had material relative to the above subject
which was left at the station for
distribution, by [REDACTED] who
left a card similar to the facsimile
provided by Chief Garrand.

The material is being obtained for
completion of the Boston file and for
information.

Enclosure

Material received from Chief

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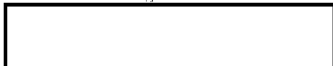
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MEMORANDUM:

At 8:00 PM, [redacted], a meeting of the MacArthur Gun Club was held at [redacted]

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There is no house number. The following [redacted] persons were present at the meeting:



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[redacted] acted as Chairman of the group. There has been no election of officers for the club. However, since the first meeting, [redacted] has acted as Chairman; and he has appointed [redacted] to act as Secretary and Treasurer. There has been no mention of an election of officers.

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It was announced that the next meeting of the MacArthur Gun Club would be at [redacted] a Sunday, [redacted]. All members were instructed to bring any weapons they have for target practice. The next meeting following that will be on [redacted] at [redacted]

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It was announced also that there will be a meeting of the Manatee Citizens Council, September 12, 1964, at which Mr.

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[redacted] of Citizens Councils, will be the speaker. The place of this meeting is not known as yet, but efforts are being made to have it in the Bradenton, Florida city auditorium.

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[redacted] reported that the Gun Club has exactly 20 members at the present time. Several new prospects are being considered, and before they are offered membership, they will be discussed at two meetings. He also stated that the club treasury now has a balance of \$140. He said the membership dues are a minimum of \$1 each meeting. However, members are strongly urged to contribute more.

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[redacted] also announced a special assessment of \$35 from each member to build up the treasury since it is expected that the purchase of necessary supplies, guns, and ammunition in the near future will require considerable money. It was further announced that each member will be issued one .30 caliber carbine and sufficient ammunition.

[redacted] announced that the club now has on hand five .30 caliber carbines, 4000 rounds of .30 caliber ammunition, six .44 caliber revolvers, and five .45 caliber automatic pistols. It was indicated that [redacted] purchased the .30 caliber ammunition, and [redacted] bought the carbines. It was not indicated who bought the handguns. [redacted] said he bought the carbines and had them sent to him. Then he sent them away and had them reworked to fire full automatic as well as semi-automatic. He said that carbines are being ordered for all of the members and will all be full automatic weapons.

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It was also announced that at the next meeting details would be worked out for getting a Federal gun dealers license in a fictitious name and also getting a Post Office box in the same name to be used for ordering guns and ammunition.

All members were urged by [redacted] to own several guns and to have them in various places so some would always be available. It was also suggested that the members have small caliber guns for the women in their families. No ladies auxiliary is planned as such, but apparently it is assumed that the women members of the club members' families should be armed also.

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It was brought out during the meeting that the [redacted] previously mentioned by [redacted] as "an old gunsmith" is [redacted]

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[redacted] who still does a little work at his home. [redacted] has had some work done there and approves of his work. He apparently is not considered a prospective member of the club, but he is a good gunsmith that members can use.

[redacted] also indicated that the [redacted] who accompanied him to the last meeting and is a member of the club, is [redacted]

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[redacted] a club member, gave a lecture on booby traps and homemade explosive devices. He gave a demonstration on how to construct an acid time fuse. The membership present appeared to be very interested in this. Mr. [redacted] said he is making grenades at home from pipe and black powder and will demonstrate some at the next meeting on [redacted]

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[redacted] said his trip to Boston, Massachusetts, the last of June and first half of July, 1964, was very successful. He said he was at Boston, Mass., Bolton, Mass., and New Haven, Conn. and "had a real bang up time." He said he attended a banquet of 5000 John Birch members at which there were also some members of the Minutemen. He did not state where this meeting took place and did not discuss it further due to the press of time. However, he indicated he would give a detailed report on this in the near future.

It was announced that [redacted] was not at the meeting since he left the area Saturday night.

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It was not stated when he would return.

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Birch Society Is Expanding

By **STANLEY EAMES**

Herald Staff Reporter

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The John Birch Society is growing larger, and possibly more powerful, every day.

Fed by the surge toward the right which has become apparent throughout the nation, probably nurtured further by white backlash, it is recruiting more members, taking in more money, doing more organizing, and issuing more literature than ever before.

Its operation is more sophisticated by far than in the days when Robert Welch, its peppery, unpredictable founder, openly condemned former President Eisen-

hower, and many other respected Americans, as Communist agents or tools.

The Welch of today refuses even to discuss politics, and stoutly insists that the members of his ultra-conservative organization receive no instructions, specific or implied, about such things as the coming campaign for the presidency between Sen. Goldwater and President Johnson.

Talking about the John Birch Society, Welch nowadays displays as much distaste as ever for communism, which he sees in many places, but when he is asked to speak on domestic affairs his conversation becomes theoretical, something from a classroom, supported with numerous references to products of his stable of magazines and writers.

In an exclusive interview with The Herald this week, Welch did speak, however, with uncommon candor about the civil rights situation.

Negroes, Reds

He said that American Negroes are "astonishingly" well off, and if Communists would stop muddying the waters with "agitation," their lot would improve rather than slip back.

And he waxed eloquent on the subject of domestic communism, venturing the opinion that three per cent of the Protestant clergy in the nation has a red tinge.

He said he believed that Lee Harvey Oswald killed President Kennedy "on orders from higher-ups responsible to communism," and that Jack Ruby, Oswald's slayer, was his associate—"quite close to Oswald." "Of course," he added carefully, "this is only opinion."

Surprisingly, Welch refused to discuss the war in Vietnam.

"I know too much about it," he said. "It would take more time than I have and more space than you have. So let's leave it alone."

The carefulness of his approach, in dramatic contrast to earlier statements, led to the question: "Are you mellowing?"

"I wouldn't say so," he replied, "but you can if you want to."

Society's Advance

More telling than his toned-down pronouncements on the Red threat was the evidence that the Society is on the march as never before, a development which will bring comfort to some and distress to many.

He was asked about its financial situation; last June an official report to the attorney-general showed a 1963 deficit of \$210,954.

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The Society received \$1,821,844.91 in 1963, Welch said, and hopes to raise \$6 million this year. The deficit, he indicated, was a "paper" affair common to non-profit organizations, and he knew where more money would be coming from.

"The Society is healthy, and last spring it got healthier than it had been for three years," he said. "We have never been short of money in the sense that we couldn't pay our bills; we're always short in the sense of needing to expand."

"New members and chapters for June totalled twice as many as in June, 1963, and three times as many as in June of 1962," Welch said.

"We're growing rapidly in many places. Southern California and Texas are strong. We're gaining quickly in New

Jersey, Alabama and Mississippi; we're doing all right in the Greater Chicago area."

Map of Chapters

Later, a tour through his Belmont plant, now expanded to use most of two buildings, included a view of a map of JBS chapters; although there were many blank spaces in the Midwest and in rural areas—and particularly in New England—the little blue pins showed large numbers in many U. S. cities, notably in California, Utah, Arizona, around the Great Lakes, and through the South.

"We ship out \$30,000 worth of books every week," he said. "Our payroll is \$23,000 a week. We employ about 160 persons."

There has been a sharp upswing in the Society's publishing efforts; the shipping room is a week behind in filling its orders. Some books have sold more than 100,000 copies.

He conceded that some Society growth may come from racial tensions, but he insists that talented coordinators are not for more of it.

"In New Jersey, our growth began before race trouble broke out," he said. "Louisiana had a lot of race trouble, but we didn't begin to grow until we shifted coordinators."

"The race troubles ought to wake people up to the mess they've been led into. The Communists' hands are in the civil rights picture, stirring up trouble. They don't help any cause and people are beginning to see it."

Need to Understand

"In civil rights, all we need is for enough people, white and colored, to understand this is all synthetic and stirred up by Communists. The federal government has no business in the situation. The Communists stir up both sides, and we tell our people not to fall for it. Most Negroes don't want this; it only means more trouble for them."

Welch quoted former President Hoover's statement that America's Negroes own more cars than all the blacks in Africa and all the Russians in Russia; and another statement that a larger percentage of American Negroes than white Englishmen have college educations.

He admitted a need for improvement of the Negro lot, and said that he counted himself "very much a friend" of the Negro.

Other highlights of his interview:

Q. — Do you see an increase in conservatism in this country?

A. — The country is taking a conservative swing on the part of people who have studied the picture. The resurgence of consecutive belief starts with the realization of the Communist dangers. This realization is strong now, due in some part to the Society's role.

Q. — What did you think of the Republican National convention?

A. — We take no position in politics. Our members are active, however. Our job is to give information, understanding and inspiration, so they'll work for the candidates of their choice.

Q. — Your stated aims are to increase responsibility, to achieve less government and to work for a better world. If one candidate is for more government and another for less, isn't your course clear?

A. — We don't tell our members who to push. If we did, we'd be in trouble in no time at all.

Q. — Is it possible that a Birch Society endorsement would be the kiss of death for a politician?

A. — I have no way of knowing, because we don't endorse candidates.

Q. — What's your appraisal of the war in Vietnam?

A. — I won't have anything to

say on that subject now. I know too much about it... there's so much background most people don't know.

Q. — What do you think of the differences between China and Russia?

A. — They're as phony as a nine dollar bill. The Kremlin could fire China's leadership with one telephone call.

Q. — Is world Communism gaining, losing or staying static?

A. — In general, gaining quite rapidly.

Q. — Why?

A. — Because it's a very well-organized conspiracy with one purpose — to rule the world.

Q. — Do you believe that there's much Communist infiltration today in our own government?

A. — The problem is still serious, but in no area except the Protestant clergy — get that right, now — do they have anywhere near 3 per cent of the employees? The Protestant clergy have a demonstrable three per cent.

Q. — Do you think there'll be a hot war?

A. — No, you couldn't drag them into a war. They're winning without one.

Q. — It seems to me that you once said there wasn't any room for theoretical deviation in the Society. How does that square with your statement that it contains many shades of opinion?

A. — I don't recall saying anything just like that. We won't tolerate people in our ranks who don't agree with our basic principles. We have thousands of members and we hear from them all the time, writing in to disagree with one thing or another. We have the right to drop any member without stating the cause when it becomes necessary.

Q. — How often do you use it?

A. — We've used it only 30 times, and we have tens of thousands of members. Once was when two of Rockwell's men infiltrated the Society. We threw them out.

Q. — Have you any special projects for the coming year?

A. — We're going to place a lot of emphasis on people supporting their local police — in riots and things like that.

Q. — Thank you, Mr. Welch.
A. — Not at all.

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This is to notify you of my intention to subscribe to the following periodicals which are, or in my opinion, should be, on the list of subversive organizations and publications published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities:

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The National Guardians
(published by Weekly Guardian Associates
197 E. 4 Street
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New Times
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16/2 Gorky Street
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CURRENT
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JOURNAL OF HUMANISTIC
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THE HUMANIST
MENSA CORRESPONDENCE
THE REPORTER

America through Imported Pub. & Prod.
1 Union Square
Room 812
New York 3, N.Y.

Progressive Labor
(published by Progressive Labor
P.O. Box 808
Brooklyn 1, N.Y.)

Hammer and Steel
(published by 'Box 101
Mattapan Station
Boston, Massachusetts)

I became extremely interested in political science and politics over the summer when I found, to my astonishment, that many of my fellow students at music school/camp were liberal liberals (progressives and socialists and communists with a small c). This and the fact that my eighth grade history teacher, a great teacher, had given us a quiz on politics to see how much we knew, made me start reading prolificly. I bought books and more. I subscribed to about four magazines. (Only two of the above I had formerly been subscribing to). I obtained quite a bit of literature and books from the John Birch Society. The rest I got in bookstores. One of my friends showed me

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a copy of the Guardian and I was shocked that it wasn't confiscated. From there, I heard about all these others and decided that I should read them because:

1) If someone plans to murder me in a few days, it would be stupid not to know their plans. The Communist Party plans to murder free society by insidious and covert strategy and tactics. If you don't know their lies, as lies, you may hear their false propaganda without knowing what it is.

2) There are two sides to the story, the right side and the wrong side. However, the wrong side is wrong and consequently is not a side at all. You cannot build a side on nothing, just as you can't build a house out of a lot of talking about what you are going to do. What you can try, as they have, is to build a wall of lies. However, you can't build a wall of eggs, it would have nothing to stand on. Neither have the Communists.

3) In general, in my opinion, the American people, including myself, don't realize how lucky they are to have this form of government. This is especially true of my generation, who haven't lived through a war. They can't comprehend that which they haven't experienced, and dictatorship and GPU are far away, like a cloud which will never come. Only by educating yourself to what the Soviet Union claims, can you say: "I have heard what they claim". Of course, it could be true; for all I know, the USSR does not exist, Khrushchev is a made-up character of the press to make the people happy, the Cuba situation doesn't exist because Cuba doesn't. But then, something must be based on faith, pure faith, such as believing in God. To me it doesn't matter whether my friend is an atheist or a theist, as long as he has the right to choose which he wishes to be. This in essence was said by Jefferson. This year I will take American History I, and be proud to take the history of almost complete freedom of belief.

Perhaps I have made a big thing out of nothing, i.e., renting a postbox just so that the CP doesn't get my name on their mailing list (and they might not even have gotten it!), writing my congressman just to make sure there is no post office black list of law against receiving these things, but I feel it is worth it. That is the cost of being an American Citizen.

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I am mailing the subscription forms, except
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated September 4th and enclosure have been received. The motives prompting your writing me are appreciated, and the information you furnished is being made a matter of permanent record in the files of this Bureau.

I am glad to know of your interest in learning about the menace of communism, and it is most important that students direct their attention to effective solutions to those human problems which divide us and invite communist exploitation. The young men and women who mature with strong minds, courageous hearts and ready hands will share the opportunity to defeat this conspiracy with the weapon it fears most--truth.

Enclosed are publications on the general topic of communism, and you may also wish to refer to my two books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism," in the event you are not already familiar with them. The former was written with the hope that it would help readers gain an insight into the true nature of the communist conspiracy in this country. The latter contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. You may be able to secure copies of these books from your school or local public library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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SPEAKERS AT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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PH T-1 on October 9, 1964, advised that according to PHIL BART, GUS HALL is scheduled to speak at the University of Hawaii at Honolulu on Friday, October 23, 1964. HALL is scheduled to arrive in Honolulu on Thursday, October 22, 1964; [redacted] is scheduled to get there on Wednesday, October 21, 1964.

PH T-2 on January 13, 1964, advised PHIL BART is National Organizational Secretary, Communist Party, USA.

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PH T-3 on July 21, 1964, described GUS HALL as General Secretary, Communist Party, USA.

PH T-2 on January 13, 1964, identified [redacted] Communist Party, USA.

PH T-1 further advised on October 9, 1964, that four speakers will appear at the University of Hawaii on succeeding days. The first speaker is GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, leader of the American Nazi Party. On the second day, ROBERT WELCH,

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John Birch Society leader, will speak on "Birchism." NORMAN THOMAS of the Socialist Party is scheduled to speak on the third day, and on Friday, October 23, 1964, GUS HALL will speak.

HALL will have three lectures on the morning of October 23, 1964, of approximately one hour each. These will concern -

1. The philosophy of Marxism.
2. The Marxist approach to life.
3. What is the Communist Party program?

According to BART, HALL will address the whole student body on the afternoon of October 23, 1964.

The American Nazi Party is characterized in the Appendix to this memorandum.

PH T-1 added on October 9, 1964, that the program at the University of Hawaii, utilizing the above speakers, has been developed around the theme of radical groups in America.

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APPENDIX
CHARACTERIZATION OF ORGANIZATION

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY OF THE WORLD UNION
OF FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS,
aka THE GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL PARTY

In his book "This Time The World," copyrighted in 1961, George Lincoln Rockwell identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP-WUFENS), Arlington, Va.

The April 4, 1963, issue of "The Richmond News Leader," a Richmond, Va., daily newspaper, reported that George Lincoln Rockwell had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits the use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that Rockwell's party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 19, 1963, a source advised that the ANP-WUFENS was organized by George Lincoln Rockwell at his residence in Arlington, Va., on February 26, 1959, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. He added that Rockwell is the dominant force and personality in this party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY cont'd:

On December 31, 1963, this source advised that in about September 1960, the ANP initiated the Fighting American Nationalists (FAN) as a front group for the ANP, although it has never been a separate organization. He said the FAN name is merely used on occasion instead of the ANP name and there are no separate officials for FAN, the FAN officials being identical with the ANP officials. He stated that George Lincoln Rockwell has informed him the FAN name was originally used as a device to attract supporters to his organization who might rebel at the use of the Swastika and at being labeled as a Nazi.

He added that the ANP has operated under the FAN name throughout the country with the exception of a group operating under the FAN name in Baltimore, Md. He said the FAN group in Baltimore is now, and always has been, a separate organization and not a part of the ANP.

On October 3, 1963, [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] the FAN group in Baltimore, Md., advised that the Baltimore FAN, which was organized in the spring of 1961, has no official connection with the ANP, although until December 1962, it received all its literature from George Lincoln Rockwell's ANP.

According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual," an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold, namely, first "to make outelves known to the masses"; second, "the dissemination of our program and the truth about the Party"; third, "organize the people who have been converted to our propaganda"; and fourth, "that attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses."

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Birch Society Picks Benson

Reed A. Benson, son of former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, was named Wednesday as the Washington representative of the John Birch Society, according to an announcement from the society's headquarters in Belmont.

Benson, who has been Utah-Southern Idaho coordinator for the society will take over his post in December.

During the Korean conflict Reed Benson was an Air Force chaplain and before that was a missionary for three years for the Church of Jesus. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University.

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No Private Matter

Recruitment of city police into the ranks of the John Birch Society is producing angry repercussions from the West coast to New York. This practice poses serious questions affecting the public interest.

Early this month the city manager of Santa Ana, Calif., complained that Birch Society members in that community's police were harassing the chief and "undermining his authority." Last Friday Mayor James Tate of Philadelphia spoke out even more sharply.

Birch Society members of that city's police, says the mayor, have

forced him to place them on restricted duty because their usefulness is impaired.

Director John H. Rousselot of the Birch Society charges Mayor Tate with "a smear." He insists that "police membership is a private matter." But is it? The question demands an answer. By Mr. Rousselot's own admission, the secret society's police recruitment drive is nation-wide. It includes Boston.

A community's police bears a vital public responsibility. The record shows that infiltration by the Birch Society seriously interferes with discharge of that duty.

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Birchers As Police

Present Problem

By Max Lerner

THE FIRST TWO serious incidents have now arisen on the problem of Bircher infiltration of police forces. One is in Philadelphia, the other in Santa Ana, Calif. There will be others. Community-minded Americans in every part of the country need to think carefully about the problem of police freedom and duties in such cases, so that the police will perform the functions they are meant to perform, without depriving any policeman of his freedom as an American.

The Philadelphia case has just broken. We shall be hearing more about it, since it is so explosive. Several weeks ago the police intelligence detail got on the track of a story about police officers who had joined the John Birch Society and were trying to induce others to join. The department investigated, and found as many as 14 or 15 such policemen; doubtless it will come across others.

Mayor James H. J. Tate has taken action. The men have been assigned to limited duty, and one gathers that if they don't resign as Birchers — and if their usefulness as police officers is thereby ended—they may be suspended or dismissed as policemen.



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The first question that comes to mind is whether this does not interfere with the rights of these policemen as ordinary citizens—their right not to be fired or suspended because of their particular brand of political opinion. Few will doubt that a policeman can be assigned to limited duty at the discretion of his superiors. But can he be deprived of his livelihood for belonging to a politically far-out organization?

The answer will doubtless be handed down some day by the courts. My own layman's guess is that a police force is a specially sensitive arm of the local government, and special rules apply to it. It is entrusted with law enforcement, in situations where party may be pitted against party, class against class, race against race.

If he is known to have strong views as a member of a politically and racially conscious organization like the John Birch Society, which believes it is engaged in a crusade, he will himself become a focus of conflict. He will generate widespread mistrust for the whole police force. In that sense he will hinder rather than help the enforcement of the laws.

The Santa Ana story is important not only because it is another case of police infiltration, but because it reveals some of the Bircher tactics. The Birch Society had formed a special police cell in Santa Ana, made up of 20 to 30 policemen by the society's own count. A dozen of them launched a campaign to make life hard for Police Chief Edward J. Allen, who is as anti-Communist

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as they, but who feels that politics should be kept out of police matters.

They put on a reign of terror against him, complete with false fire alarms, mysterious telephone calls at night, anonymous pamphlets. Having lectured in the Orange County area I know something about the strength of the Far Right there, and I can guess at how miserable life must have been made for the police chief. But although the methods used were adolescent, the purpose was pretty serious. As an official investigator, reporting to the city manager, has phrased it, what was involved was a sustained effort to get Police Chief Allen out and replace him with a more pliant man, perhaps himself a Bircher.

The danger is, of course, that if these methods are followed and are successful on a large scale, it means the creation of a state within a state. One of the cherished rules of the Communists, whenever and wherever in the world they became strong enough to gain some cabinet seats in government, was to take over the Home Ministry, because it always controls the police force. If this is dangerous when a monolithic far-out Left group tries to do it, it is scarcely less dangerous with a monolithic group on the far-out Right.

Mayor Tate of Philadelphia puts the parallel sharply when he says: "This is the way the Nazi Party began and this is the way the Communist Party operated in the Forties." And he adds what is, aside from all historical and political parallels, the key problem in the whole situation: "They (the Bircher police) are not attuned with law enforcement problems; they are against certain groups in the big cities."

There are two facts to be kept in mind on this phase of the problem. One is the mistrust that Negro populations, in Harlem, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Philadelphia, Chicago, have of the police; if it is intensified the hope of getting order on the streets will all but vanish. The second is the animus that a number of policemen have developed about Negroes, especially since the policeman's job is anything but a happy one today, and they have had so hard a time with civil rights sitdowns and demonstrations.

Philadelphia was one of the worst case histories of last summer's riots, and Philadelphia has not forgotten. If this police hostility, which one hopes is still not a majority feeling, comes to be exploited by a single-minded power group like the Birchers, then again the specter of massive violence will become a reality.

(Dr. Lerner is professor of American civilization and institutions, at Brandeis University. His column appears on this page Monday, Wednesday and Friday.)

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Birch Society Denies Special Police Interest

By the Associated Press

Los Angeles society itself would not be a party to the activities of which the officers were accused. The John Birch Society acknowledges it is interested in enrolling policemen but says this "is no different than our interest in getting doctors, farmers, and anyone else in American life to join the society."

Former Rep. John H. Rousset, the society's public relations director and official spokesman, said that while his organization has no special interest in recruiting police there are those with a special interest in keeping Birch members out of police work.

"We're finding this an interesting pattern around the country," Rousset told a reporter. "We find that in Communist publications around the country — San Francisco and New York — pressure is being brought to bear on local police departments to keep members of the John Birch Society out of the departments." He did not name the publications.

Two reports of Birch society membership in police departments have attracted attention in recent weeks. The first came early this month from nearby Santa Ana, in politically conservative Orange County.

The city manager there said 10 to 20 dissident policemen, many of them Birch members, were harassing the police chief, trying to undermine his authority. But the city manager said he thought their society membership was coincidental and felt confident the

More recently, in Philadelphia, Mayor James H.J. Tate said some policemen there were organizing Birch society cells. He said society membership limits "the capabilities of the police officers involved; they can't be useful in their assignments."

Mr. Tate said: "This is the way the Nazi Party began, and this is the way the Communist Party operated in the 40's."

Mr. Rousset made his remarks here Monday night after returning from Philadelphia, where he held a news conference to answer the Mayor.

Mr. Rousset told newsmen there that Mr. Tate's statements were "absolutely false," that the Mayor was trying to get publicity, and had not bothered to find out about the society.

"There is absolutely nothing wrong with police being members of the John Birch Society," Mr. Rousset said. "Membership would not interfere with a policeman's performance of his duty. . . ."

"We have growing numbers of police and personnel in sheriff's departments throughout the country. Police membership is a private matter. They can better educate themselves to the threat of communism."

Mr. Rousset said about 20 Philadelphia policemen are society members. He said earlier there are 20 to 30 Birch members in the Santa Ana Police Department.

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Bureau and Boston have previously been advised under caption, "GUS HALL, IS - C, ISA 1950" by airtel from Philadelphia dated 10/16/64, above-captioned subject was due to speak at a political symposium at the University of Hawaii on 10/20/64.

On 10/16/64, [redacted] University of Hawaii, advised SA LEO S. BRENNER that the political symposium sponsored by the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii would be held from 10/19/64 to 10/23/64. The symposium was to feature speakers of diverse ideologies, and WELCH had accepted an invitation from the students to speak at the campus. However, [redacted] pointed out that when WELCH, the founder of the John Birch Society, had learned that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL of the American Nazi Party, and GUS HALL of the CP, USA would also be participating, he had withdrawn.

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On 12/7/64, Mr. ISADORE ZACK, New England Regional
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Massachusetts, advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has volunteered
to undertake a research project for the Anti-Defamation
League concerning the John Birch Society. This research
will be confined to the New York area.

Mr. ZACK has been very cooperative in the past in
matters of interest to the FBI and has offered to share
the results of the project with the FBI should any
information be developed of interest.

The above is furnished as a matter of possible interest
to the Bureau and New York.

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Birchers Subverting Churches, Says Prelate

By **GEORGE M. COLLINS**
Religion Reporter

The John Birch Society was accused by a nationally known theologian here Wednesday of making a deliberate attempt to infiltrate and subvert the churches of America with "Lenin-like cell" groups.

Rev. Dr. Franklin H. Littell of Chicago Theological Seminary, a Methodist clergyman, made the charge during a talk before 400 New England clergy and laity attending the fifth annual New England Conference on Evangelism at Tremont Temple Building.

"There are currently 18 or

19 churches in the Chicago area which are under attack by members of this totalitarian organization.

Last year the Methodist superintendent of West Texas in the Rio Grande valley told me that there were six Methodist churches under their control. I have learned since then that most of them have been won back from the Birchites," said Dr. Littell.

Dr. Littell was one of a panel of four discussing the need for an enlivened laity in the Church."

Earlier he had stated that the "terrible problem of the 20th century has been the apostasy of the baptized, betrayal of the Church in massive measures."

He cited the rejection of involvement as Christians of the church people of Russia during the rise of communism and in Germany before and during the rise of Hitler.

He compared this apostasy to the current sight of 21 men

in Mississippi accused of involvement in the death of three civil rights workers being set free without a trial.

"And this in a state where the governor claims to be a Christian," he stressed.

"But have we learned from the Nazi tragedy in Germany?" Dr. Littell asked.

"Churches and churchmen which involve themselves in social issues are under constant attack by extremist groups.

"When I served a parish in Dallas—the Algiers of America," he reported, "my life was threatened over the phone every night until we had our phone number unlisted.

"An indifferent laity in our churches sooner or later will go bad. We need more talk-back sessions in our churches. We need dialogue between the laity and the clergy.

"We need to restructure and retrain our clergy from monologists so that they can have conversation with the laity."

Emphasizing the need for the laity to be enlivened were New York attorney and lay theologian William Stringfellow, Rev. Thomas J. Mullen of New Castle, Ind., and Rev. Dr. Richard C. Halverson of Bethesda, Md., associate executive director of International Christian Leadership.

The meetings continue today.

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Birch Society Growing Apace

By WILLIAM J. MCCARTHY
(First of a series)

Members of the John Birch Society will not stand up and be counted, because one of the few remaining secrets of the conservative society based

in Belmont is the roster of its dues-paying adherents.

But on the evidence of those who support the Society as a vehicle for the salvation of the Republic and of those who condemn it as a threat from the extreme right to constitutional liberties, the Society has grown phenomenally since the November election.

The Society itself boasts that a "recruitment explosion" came close to doubling its membership in 1964, and that each month witnesses an expansion of its rolls; a student of extremist groups estimates that from a total of six a year ago the number of Birch chapters in Massachusetts has grown to 36 today.



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Robert Welch, the founder of JBS, reports that from all sources last year the Society

is "very small potatoes" in the fight against the Communist plot to take over the world, and at the top of the current agenda of the Society is the job of

took in \$3,200,000, compared to \$1,600,000 in 1963 and to \$1,200,000 in 1962.

But to Welch, even \$3,200,000 doubling its growth in 1965 and then redoubling it in the year to follow.

SOME ARE DISMAYED

That prospect dismays those Americans who remember that Welch once said he firmly believed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to be a "dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy" and the late John F. Kennedy to be an "amoral" man.

But it puzzles the guy who works 9 to 5 Monday through Friday, spends Saturday shopping with the wife and kids, and wonders what to do after church on Sunday morning.

The average American is repelled by accusations like those made by Welch against Eisenhower and Kennedy, and if he is puzzled by the growing strength of the Society it is probably because of the too-glib dismissal of the Society as a bunch of "little old ladies in tennis shoes."

The truth obviously lies somewhere between the extremes, somewhere between the charge that all Birchers are Fascists bent on dragging the United States back into the 19th century and the dismissal of them as "little old ladies in tennis shoes."

The Herald has discussed the Society and its aims with members of the Society and with its critics; it has attended meetings sponsored by the Society and listened to its spokesmen; it has read publications of the Society and publications critical of it.

ENDS AND MEANS

A fair assessment of the John Birch Society seems to be that the Society believes the end (victory in the life-or-death struggle with communism) justifies the means (tactics adopted from the Communists themselves).

"Little old ladies in tennis shoes" may sigh for a return of McGuffey's Reader as a pillar of the old American virtues, or for a ban on "Sleeping Beauty" as a fairy tale with overtones of sex (Prince Charming kissed the girl in her bed, remember?).

But little old ladies in tennis shoes do not organize "card parties" which force great chain stores to abandon a policy of co-operating with their government in a policy of limited trading with Iron Curtain countries where such trade is of benefit to the United States.

Little old ladies in tennis shoes may be shocked when the Supreme Court of the United States bans prayer in the public schools, but they do not organize campaigns to impeach the Chief Justice of the United States be-

cause they disagree with that or any other decision of the court.

NOT THE OLD LADIES

Little old ladies in tennis shoes may look on with fright, and perhaps real terror, as Negroes demonstrate, and perhaps riot, to further their demands for equal justice under the law, but they do not organize campaigns to impugn the movement as a Communist conspiracy to foment war between the blacks and the whites.

The Herald has heard those things from members of the Society, or read of them in publications of the Society, but they do not necessarily represent the total activity of the total membership of the Society.

Welch says, practically every time he puts pen to paper, that individual members are free to disagree with him as they see fit on particulars, but a sine qua non of membership in, or sympathy to, the Society, is a willingness to:

"Combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our country, our lives, and our civilization.

'A BETTER WORLD'

"Prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to high levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before.

"Restore, with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the ennobling aspirations, on which our western civilization has been built. The long-range objective of the Society has been summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world." (Page IV, A Brief Introduction to the John Birch Society).

Communism, then, is the prime target of the John Birch Society, and, to learn more, The Herald went to an introductory meeting of the Society held in a mezzanine parlor of the Statler Hilton one recent evening.

Attendance was by invitation, and although The Herald had

not received one, its representative was made welcome by Richard N. Ober, Massachusetts coordinator for the Society and the man in charge of the meeting.

Ober, a dark, crew-cut young man who gave up a career with the First National Bank of Boston to work for the Society full-time, greeted each new arrival with a hearty handshake and a welcome, while a young assistant prepared a moving picture projector for use during the actual meeting.

A LONG MEETING

He explained that the meeting would last at least three hours, but was quick to recall that when Welch organized the Society in Indianapolis on Dec. 9, 1958, the first meeting lasted for two full days.

Tonight's meeting, he added, would in substance be an abbreviated version of that meeting, with most of the talking done by Welch, through the sound-track on the film.

Welch, as an orator, may best be described as machine gun-Gothic, and an introductory meeting of the John Birch Society as like the first shoulder-strap of a strip-tease:

"Stick around folks, you ain't seen nothing yet!"

In the space of about 90 minutes, Welch traced the history of Communism, its rise in Russia, its spread to Eastern Europe and then to China, and its gains in the Western Hemisphere.

By his calculations, in 1958, the Communists had achieved about two-thirds of their total program of world domination, and nowhere was there anybody or anything to stop them.

SOCIETY OFFERED

To the 11 men who met with him in Indianapolis, he offered the John Birch Society, named for a young Army captain killed by the Chinese Communists 10 days after the end of World War II, as an effective means of slowing down the onslaught.

The Society would have chapters of 10 or 20 members all across the nation and would adopt for its own some of the Communist tactics, the use of "front" or ad hoc organizations, the mounting of letter-writing campaigns, the harrassment of pro-Communist speakers.

The Society claims today to have made some progress in at least braking pro-Communist activities, but when the films had ended Ober took pains to remind the 35 persons present that since 1958 the Communists have made even further gains, until now they stand at the three-quarter mark on their march to world domination.

It has been allowed to happen, he suggested, because the press, radio and television is Communist controlled, although 95 per cent of those who work in communications are loyal Americans.

The five per cent, he continued, are spotted in the major wire services, "the UP, the API (sic) and the New York Times News Service and they can play up or play down a story as it helps or hurts the Communists."

Ober then called for questions from the audience, and the questions were at times more revealing than the answers.

Q—What about this so-called Negro revolution? Are the Communists behind it?

A—Yes, they use the phrase "civil rights" the way they used the phrase "agrarian reformers" in the takeover of China.

Q—Why does the Society have to do this? What about the FBI?

A—We've had the Communist Registration Act on the books since 1950 but they haven't registered yet. Perhaps if the former attorney - general had done his job, his brother might be alive today.

Ober did not see fit to add that the Justice Department prosecuted the Communist Party for failing to register under the act, won a conviction in district court and then saw that conviction, and a \$120,000 fine, wiped out by a court of appeals.

The omission is all the more noteworthy because most of the members of the John Birch Society believe in the rule of law, not men, or at least they say they believe in it.

There is substantial reason to believe they do not practise what they preach.

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Birch Blue Book 'Ties' JFK to Communism

By W. J. McCARTHY

(Fourth in a Series)

Robert Welch, the founder of the John Birch Society, is fond of quoting Ralph Waldo Emerson, whom he describes, on Page 9 of "The Blue Book" of the John Birch Society, as "the most profound of all Americans."

Poet Shown to Be Profound

Take Welch at his word, and open a copy of Emerson's "The Conservative."

There you will read this sentiment:

"There is always a certain

meanness in the argument of conservatism, joined with a certain superiority in its fact."

Welch and his conservative legion have shown Emerson to be indeed profound, if only by their attitude towards the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

In the same Blue Book, which is more or less a transcript of the speech Welch gave in Indianapolis on Dec. 8-9, 1958, on the occasion of the founding of the Society, you will find this passage:

"But on our own side of the fence, among the millions who either are, or pretend to be, non-Communists, the amoral man, who has no slightest inner concern with right or wrong, is one of the greatest causes of our constant retreat, and one of the greatest dangers to our survival. And he doesn't wear any label. He usually lives up to

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the appearance of excellent morals, because it is expedient for his purposes, and you will usually find him in church on Sunday morning, maybe even a Catholic church. But as a member of the United States Senate, running for the presidency, and smart enough to know the strong Communist support behind-the-scenes which he will have to get in order to have any chance of being nominated in 1960, such an amoral man can do a tremendous amount of ball-carrying on behalf of the Communist aims here in the United States; and he can do an almost equal amount of damage to anti-

Communist morale in other parts of the world, by his well-publicized speeches against Chiang Kai-shek or in favor of the Algerian rebels.

"Or an amoral man, as the head of a great so-called Republic, may have no slightest scruples or concern about its fate or the fate of other nations, in the face of Communist conquest and of the cruel tyranny of their rule. And any similarity of characters in this story to any living persons is not coincidental."

WEIRD PROCESS

You can buy the Blue Book at Birch headquarters on Concord avenue in Belmont, for \$2, and while you're there you can pick

up a supply of little blue and white stickers, 12 sheets for \$1, or a total of 912 stickers, which or a total of 912 stickers, which bear the legend:

"Communism killed Kennedy."

Because today, by a weird process of double-think and double-talk, the John Birch Society, which in 1958 and today, since the Blue Book has not been changed, charges that John Fitzgerald Kennedy was prepared to do "a tremendous amount of ball-carrying on behalf of the Communists in the United States.

They can prove it, too!

Only last Friday night, in the auditorium of Thacher Junior High School, Attleboro, a speaker from the American Opinion Speakers Bureau in Brookfield, did so to the apparent satisfaction of a majority of the half a hundred persons gathered there for the occasion.

The AOSB is the oratorical arm of the John Birch Society, as American Opinion magazine is its editorial appendage, and the speaker Friday night was Samuel Blumenfeld, who used to be in the publishing business in New York.

MAJOR GOAL

For one solid hour, Blumenfeld delivered a tedious, rambling, unconnected discourse the substance of which was that the Warren Commission was a farce, its report a whitewash.

All of which came about, said Blumenfeld, because "The Establishment" which runs the United States in sympathy with Communist goals, ordered that it should come about.

For one thing, the commission was headed by Earl Warren, the Chief Justice of the United States, and nobody in the audience was unaware that a major goal of JBS is the impeachment of Earl Warren.

For another, a member of the Commission was John J. McCloy, who may have been chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank and presumably interested in the survival of capitalism, but who is something of a "bete rouge" to Birchers because he once went swimming with Nikita Khrushchev in the Black Sea while on a visit to Russia.

For a third, the New York Times has published the major works on the report to date and the New York Times has "blood on its hands" because it helped shape a society which produced Lee Harvey Oswald.

Furthermore, said Blumenfeld, a recent volume produced by The Times, "The Witnesses," which is made up of excerpts from the 26 volumes of testimony taken by the commission, is little more than a "sexy" account of the marriage of Lee and Marina Oswald.

DOUBLE-THINK

But then there came a repetition of the refrain being heard increasingly at Birch gatherings, an imputation to Robert F. Kennedy of some measure of culpability in the assassination of his own brother.

Blumenfeld found it "very strange" that Robert Kennedy had told reporters he did not plan to read the report, because, he said, as Attorney-General he knew pretty much all that was in it.

Left unsaid at the time, but obvious in the news reports of the Robert Kennedy interview, was his understandable unwill-

ingness to relive those terrible days in Dallas.

Asked by one in the audience if he was imputing any blame, directly or indirectly, to Robert Kennedy, Blumenfeld hedged, but insinuated that Robert Kennedy had been "very lax" in his direction of the FBI and was therefore, in some degree, responsible.

This ambivalence, of accusing Communists of plotting the murder of John F. Kennedy, while insinuating that Robert Kennedy is also somehow responsible, is considered by some experts as Birch "double-think" aimed at conservative Catholics.

There is no question the presence of a Catholic in the White House served to dampen enthusiasm among the majority of Catholics for a society like John Birch which charges that the entire government is riddled with Communists seeking to turn the country over to the USSR.

But the assassination was like a hot wind blowing right through that damper.

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

Birch chapters in Massachusetts have multiplied six-fold in the past year, according to expert guesses, from six to 36, and the Society is active today in the following communities:

Brockton, Gloucester, Lowell, Milford, Middleboro, Dedham, Greenfield, Haverhill, Holyoke, Lexington, New Bedford, Dartmouth, Springfield, Pittsfield, Milton, Shrewsbury, Lynnfield, Needham, Cambridge, Belmont, Northampton and Boston.

Welch insists that neither he nor the John Birch Society is anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic nor anti-Negro, but Welch and the Society have found themselves with some strange bedfellows.

In the February bulletin of the Society, for instance, Welch outlines for members a new project, "Operation Monitor," designed to police the airwaves for Communist propaganda.

"But we are not ourselves engaged in broadcasting," he says. "We cannot keep up with nor fight directly on all fronts, and we thought Dan Smoot, Dr. McIntyre, Billie Hargis and other Conservative broadcasters would carry on this battle while we concentrated on other projects. As they have certainly done, very well indeed."

"DANGER ON RIGHT"

Now turn to "danger on the Right" prepared by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and published last year by Random House, and read Page 43.

"Dan Smoot is, nonetheless, an unbending Rightist of the more Radical variety, and so the air of logic sometimes blows away. He has told his breathless audience that a truly responsible Congress would impeach Earl Warren, end foreign aid, cast aside President Kennedy's disarmament plan, withdraw from the United Nations, and repeal the income tax.

"At one 1961 meeting in Houston, he called for a 'wave of indignation' to oust the 'spineless and treasonable characters we've got in Washington.

"In the 'Dan Smoot Report' he once suggested the election of a Congress that would 'bring a bill of impeachment against John F. Kennedy.'"

Turn now to Page 106:

Carl McIntire is one of the major anti-Catholic propagandists in America. His views on Catholicism were embodied in a statement made on Nov. 2, 1951:

"The strengthening of the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world only involves the fostering of a false religion which enslaves human souls in darkness and superstition and from which the Protestant Reformation of the 16th Century delivered us.... Rome will sell her secret confessional system for political world power. But actually the Roman Catholic Church becomes a "spy system" through the priests' loyalty, first to the Vatican. If that obtains in other countries, it obtains, too, in our country. Are not the Roman Catholics in the United States committed to a foreign policy and do they now owe "obedience and submission" to its head, the Pope? If the priest inside the Iron Curtain countries is a "spy" for the Vatican state, why is not a priest in the U.S.A. the same?"

Now turn to Page 70:

"Radical Right listeners seem rarely to ask for proof of the charges made by their leaders. For instance, in January, 1964, Dr. Hargis spoke under the sponsorship of the Central Christian Church at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on the theme, as usual, of communism.

"He gave the congregation the 'lowdown' on the assassina-

tion of President Kennedy. The murder was, he said, an example of the Communist use of terror.

"(This was, of course, also the Birch Society explanation. But neither the FBI nor the Dallas police found any evidence whatsoever of a Red plot. To listen to Hargis and Welch, such unanimity of opinion among these agencies should not fool anyone at all.)

"Hargis 'revealed' further that the killing of Lee Harvey Oswald the President's alleged assassin, had been carried out in collusion with gangsters of Murder, Inc., and of the Mafia.

"Hargis did not explain just how the Reds and the Black Hand had become partners."

Reading and listening to it, the observers find it fairly easy to agree with Emerson's first thesis, the certain meanness, but a bit harder to take the second, the certain superiority in fact.

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Birch Books In Library

By BOB CREAMER

BOXFORD—If Margaret Loughnane gets her way and some more contributions, she'll buy all the John Birch Society literature she can and circulate it from the public library.

Mrs. Loughnane is librarian of the West Boxford Public Library.

She is also a leader in the move to form a Birch chapter here.

Last month, Mrs. Loughnane was one of nine persons who met in the splendid home of one of the most successful and highly respected men in the community.

That meeting was run by

Richard Ober of Wayland, an organizer for the Birch Society

It was after that meeting, Mrs. Loughnane recalled, that the total lack of Birch literature in library dawned on her.

So, with her own \$10, she ordered from Birch headquarters in Belmont "One Dozen Candles," a package of 12 different reprints of books.

Robert Welch, founder of the society and editor of the 12-book series, wrote that the books "offer an education-compact and sketchy, but still adequate in the methods, progress, and menace of the Communist advance."

Two weeks ago Mrs. Loughnane received her books. She set them out in the public library, not with other books on the shelves, but on the front of her desk.

No other books were displayed on that desk. The reason Mrs. Loughnane brought her books into the library, she said,

was because "this is a good central place."

But last Saturday the books were gone from her desk. "Someone was trying to make a teapot," she said, explaining why she moved them.

"But I moved them to an even better place," she said, pointing across the room to an American flag on the wall.

Standing under the flag, along with Goldwater's "Conscience of Conservitve" and "None Dare Call It Treason," are the five remaining books from Mrs. Loughnane's package.

Seven people have taken out the other seven books and some of these readers, the librarian said, gave her contributions to help defray her \$10 investment.

It doesn't seem to bother Mrs. Loughnane that her books aren't going like hot cakes. She believes they will, eventually, and "I will get more books just as fast as I get contributions."

ISN'T FULLY AWARE OF LIBRARIANS' CODE

Mrs. Loughnane is not a professional librarian and admits she is not fully aware of the code under which librarians work. The code suggests that librarians remain neutral and not push political theories, most especially their own.

A number of persons here are disturbed over the sudden emergence of Birch propaganda

in the library which is supported by public and private funds.

None wants the material removed. But they insist it not be "pushed" by the librarian or be displayed on her desk.

They have not made the matter a public issue, mainly through fear it could torpedo an important question coming before the voters at tonight's town meeting.

A \$6,000 appropriation is sought to upgrade and expand the town's two public libraries. A professional survey revealed that an affluent community such as Boxford should have much better libraries.

Mrs. Loughnane is strenuously opposed to the whole idea, predicting that the "government will be taking over our libraries. This is just another way for them to reach into our pockets."

She thinks her library is adequate now. However, she is quitting, she said, "because I can make more money selling real estate and raising Doberman's."

And besides, she plans to be quite busy bringing the Birch Society to town.

"I already have 21 people who want to come to a meeting. Maybe I'll rent the Town Hall for it and then we'll see what some of these people have to say about that."

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Before she leaves the library, worthwhile things to read.
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another innovation — a good Hawthorne, Patrick Henry,
supply of The New McGuffey Longfellow, Plutarch, Shakes-
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Thoreau and Daniel Webster are

"Remedial reading classes
would never have come into
being if children were offered
a sampling of the authors in
"The New McGuffey Fifth
Reader."

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Birchers Push Boxford Drive

By BOB CREAMER

BOXFORD — Librarian Margaret Loughnane has hired the biggest building in town in her determined drive to form a local chapter of the John Birch Society.

"I've rented Town Hall for \$3 or \$4 for all next Thursday night," said Mrs. Loughnane, who doesn't even live in the town.

She lives next door in Georgetown but works in West Boxford as librarian of the public library.

However, Selectman Harry Lee Cole, who's been in office more than half a century, said today he and his two colleagues will decide tonight whether the Birchers can use Town Hall.

Normally, it was learned, the janitor can rent the hall. But in this instance the selectmen decided to take a closer look.

Also, a strong protest has been forwarded to the selectmen against renting a public building for a Birch meeting.

"It will be a second 'instructional meeting.'" Mrs. Loughnane said "I'm hoping for a big crowd."

Already, she crowed, 25 adults, six students from Masonomment Regional High School and two teachers there said they want to come.

Richard Ober, a Birch organizer out of society headquarters in Belmont, will run the meeting.

Ober ran the first instructional meeting here about a month ago for nine persons in a private home.

The owner of that home, a leader in the community decided not to hold any more meetings.

Mrs. Loughnane, who said she is very fond of old things, explained that her old house isn't big enough for the turnout she anticipates.

Meanwhile, in her role as librarian, Mrs. Loughnane is still proudly displaying her personal supply of Birch literature under the flag in the library.

She paid for a dozen Birch books with her own money but anyone can take them out on loan. And she'll gladly accept contributions to buy more books for the library, an institution supported by private endowment funds and the taxpayer's money.

Yesterday, Mrs. Loughnane was showing some library patrons a check she got in the mail. It came from a Framingham business who was contributing \$5 so the librarian could buy more Birch literature.

Mrs. Loughnane said the public is invited to her meeting at no charge.

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Birch Watchers Battle Birchers In Attleboro

By BOB CREAMER

ATTLEBORO — A curious new breed of young doctors may well decide whether the John Birch Society lives or dies here.

Two obstetricians are leading the Birch Watchers, a dedicated band of anti-extremists.

An internist has emerged as the top Bircher.

Because these three physicians have the courage of their convictions, this city of 27,000 is a major battleground in the furor over Birchism.

Doctors normally sidestep the tumult of the public arena. Medicare, a very special interest, has been the exception.

But in Attleboro, the issue is extremism, not Medicare.

At least that's the way

Doctors Joseph F. Kerrins and L. Lynton Goulder see it.

"The Birch Watchers watch the Birch Society," they explained. "We are not trying to muzzle them, we just want to let the public know what's going on."

Kerrins, at 37, has nine children and a successful practice in obstetrics and gynecology. He has an air of total fearlessness and he says what he thinks.

So does Goulder, 36, the father of two and equally successful in the same specialty. He is more restrained than

Kerrins, his close friend, and traces of his Virginian background show through in his speech.

They are relatively new to this city and Sturdy Memorial Hospital and not until last fall, in the heat of the presidential campaign, did they emerge as a new breed in medicine.

Shortly before the election all doctors on the staff of Sturdy Memorial received in the mail copies of the book, "A Choice, Not an Echo," published from

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the right and widely distributed in behalf of Sen. Goldwater.

"We didn't know then where the books came from," Kerrins said. "We had our suspicions but we still can't prove them."

With each book was a letter from retired Army Gen. A.C. Wedemeyer, urging it be read because "it relates in a factual and interesting manner why Americans have been denied a choice for president for more than 20 years."

Kerrins and Goulder didn't want or like the book and they were disturbed at the anonymity surrounding its mailing.

They said a choice of their own. Goulder, when training at Boston City Hospital with Kerrins, had been a neighbor and friend of Gordon Hall, a lecturer and writer on extremism, right and left.

Goulder and Kerrins invited Hall to speak. Dr. Francis Curran, an anesthetist, and Dr. Harvey Liberman, a general surgeon, joined as co-sponsors of the lecture.

But before Hall came, Kerrins said he got an inkling of things to come.

One night, at a meeting of the Christian Family Movement group of St. John's Catholic Church, a new doctor in town. Dr. Stephen Mathewson, an internist formerly of Watertown and Boston, stood up during the question and answer period and talked a lot about Gen. Edwin A. Walker.

"I couldn't possibly see what Gen. Walker had to do with the Christian Family Movement," Kerrins said. CFM is a Catholic organization with the basic aim of promoting happier family life.

Two other strange things occurred before Hall came, Goulder recalled.

"Joe and I got hate literature about Hall and attached to it was an unsigned note, mailed in Attleboro. It said 'Is this the kind of man you good doctors are sponsoring?'"

On the day in October that Hall was to speak, Goulder and Kerrins said they later learned from Dr. Donald Rae, a dentist on the school committee, that the police had been called from New Jersey with the word that a riot would break out at the high school if Hall showed up.

Hall came and spoke and there was no riot. But he was severely heckled and during the evening he dropped a bomb, as far as Goulder and Kerrins were concerned.

He named Dr. Mathewson as an active Bircher, a fact subsequently acknowledged by the doctor.

"We didn't know Hall would do this," Kerrins said. "We were very surprised."

"The next day," he said. "some doctors at the hospital said they felt this was wrong, that we were attacking a new man in practice."

But the die had been cast and Mathewson struck back. He invited Dr. Donald Waite, a Newton Bircher and minister, to speak.

WANTED TO RUN AD IN PAPER

Waite, a controversial leader in the Birch movement, was not accurately described in advance publicity, Kerrins said, and he and Goulder tried to set the record straight.

"We wanted to run an ad in the local paper, telling the people who Waite really was," Kerrins said. "Two lawyers helped prepared the ad but the paper said it was libelous and refused to run it."

So Kerrins enlisted some of his friends in the race and politics group of the CFM and on the night Waite showed up they handed out copies of the ad.

Waite came to town under the sponsorship of Mathewson, City Councilman Lawrence Verschoor and John Harding, a Republican school committeeman from Seekonk.

During his talk, Waite fended off questions about alleged anti-Catholic statements attributed to Birch members. However, he

said the American Baptist Convention was "totally Communist-oriented," and this did not set well, especially with the Rev. Roger R. Hill of First Baptist Church.

From his pulpit and through the press, Rev. Hill charged that Waite "...had a church in Newton affiliated with the General Association of Regular Baptists, which is tied-in with the much-quoted Dr. Carl McIntire, and left this church under highly unusual circumstances to found a church of 25 persons in his own home."

In the wake of Waite's November talk, Rev. Hill contacted the Goulders, the doctor recalled, and it was decided to form a group to fight back.

The first of this year, Goulder and Kerrins said, "we called doctors, ministers, lawyers and others and asked them to meet. We formed and came to be called the Birch Watchers."

"We have a hard core of 20 to 25 people, of all faiths, Democrat and Republican, who meet periodically."

"Attorneys, doctors, a priest, ministers teachers and interested people attend," they said.

Since the Birch Watchers became active, Mathewson has formed the "Forum of the Attleboros," a vehicle to bring "conservative" speakers to town.

In January, when Mathewson tried to get the high school auditorium for his speakers, he admitted he was the only member of the "Forum."

The school committee got in several hassles over whether or not to let Mathewson use the high school. Finally, on a 4 to 3

vote, they gave him a junior high.

Julia Brown, a colored ex-Communist and self-styled undercover agent for the FBI, spoke in January and called Martin Luther King "the biggest dupe the Communists have."

A month later came Samuel Blumenfeld, who goes around talking about the Warren Commission report.

Blumenfeld and Mrs. Brown work out of the Birch-run American Speakers Bureau in Brookfield.

Next month, Goulder and Kerrins and their friends will bring in the Overstreets, a husband and wife lecture team.

"This will cost us \$500," Kerrins said.

Asked where the money will come from, Kerrins jammed a hand in his pants pocket and smiled.

And how about Dr. Stephen Mathewson? What are his plans and hopes for the cause of Birchism here?

On Monday of this week, Dr. Mathewson said he would be happy to grant the Traveler an interview. But on Tuesday he changed his mind.

"The advice from all quarters is not to say anymore," he said over the telephone. "Enough has been said already. And its not fair to your patients to throw in this extraneous factor."

He spoke out before, he said, because "Hall was so rabid in his denunciation. I had to defend myself."

However, he did say that he plans to expand his speaker's bureau throughout Bristol Coun-

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Welch Says Fight on Reds 'Incidental'

By W. J. McCARTHY ^{3/5}

AMHERST—Robert Welch said here Thursday night his John Birch Society was engaged in the fight against communism only as something "incidental to its long-range purposes."

In one of his rare public appearances, the conservative spokesman from Belmont attracted a crowd of more than 1000 students and visitors to Johnson Chapel of Amherst College for one of the regular meetings of the Amherst Forum.

Exceeds Limit

The crowd far exceeded the fire-law limits of 700, and three or four hundred were forced to leave before the speaking began. Even at that, there were students standing in every available space around the walls or squatting on or near the stage.

Welch was scheduled to speak for 40 minutes, but his talk stretched nearer to 70 minutes, and he then took a few questions from the audience before

the meeting was adjourned to Amherst Alumni Hall, where informal questioning continued.

For the first time publicly, Welch said the right-wing society had a membership between 60,000 and 100,000, with chapters, in number "from a few to a thousand," in every state but Alaska and Hawaii. He said a coordinator would be on the way to Alaska in the next week or so.

Welch's most startling statement was that his six-year-old, semi-secret organization was "not an anti-communist movement, although that is the most important thing we do."

He went on to say that the fight against communism was only incidental to the long-range effort to pull America and the world out of "the deepening morass of collectivism."

NAMES NO NAMES

For the most part Welch's audience gave him its complete attention, although there were scattered moments of applause and hissing when he mentioned the society's project to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren and to rid Washington of Communists in government.

That statement led to a challenge later, in a question from the floor, to name some of the Communists in Washington.

"I will name no names," said Welch. "That is a big question, and it involves a very big answer."

He then held up a copy of "The Politician," his critique of Dwight D. Eisenhower, and suggested that those who were interested could read it and learn there the names of "six or seven men who have helped the Communists, or at least the results of their efforts have been to help the Communists."

QUIZZED ON BOOKS

Another question was about reports that members of the society were engaged in some communities in the removal of what they considered objectionable books from public libraries.

"It has never been an official project of the John Birch Society to remove books from

a library," said Welch. "Members who do so are completely

out of line." He began to continue his state-

ment with the words, "Of course, if it's a question of a completely,

incredibly obscene book . . ." but the rest of the answer was

lost in the roar of laughter inspired by his remark.

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Birchers Hope To Spend \$12M On '66 Political Action Program

The Belmont-based John Birch Society is hoping to spend \$1 million a month next year on a political action program reach-

ing its peak in the congressional elections.

Robert Welch outlined the program yesterday and called for

contributions of from \$10 to \$50,000 to get it started.

In a special pamphlet issued with the society's March bul-

letin, its chief said he aimed to have 50 chapters of 20 members each in 325 of the nation's 435 congressional districts.

Welch said that in achieving this goal the society would have to be "more specific about our size and strength than has been customary in the past."

The society has never published figures about its membership, now believed to be about 80,000.

Welch said enrollment must be doubled this year and doubled again in 1966.

The society had a long-range goal of 1,000,000 members when it was founded by Welch six years ago to fight communism through such means as the impeachment of Earl Warren, the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations and the reversal of the civil rights movement.

Welch estimates that about 100 members were delegates to the Republican National Convention which nominated Barry Goldwater in San Francisco last July, although not acting as representatives of the society.

Ideally, now, Welch says, the society should strive for the establishment of 100 chapters in each of the 435 Congressional districts.

rare instances and under most unusual circumstances, there is no doubt that 100 chapters of the John Birch Society, in any Congressional district," he writes, "can exercise enough influence over political thinking within that district to control the political action there.

"And this could be done without the society itself ever endorsing a candidate, or taking any direct action in politics; but simply by our members proceeding on their own initiative from the basic principles and purposes of the society; and persuading others to do the same—as a result of our continuous and massive educational program."

But Welch admits that to move in every district would force the society to spread itself too thin, and he opts for the "feasible" alternative of trying to concentrate in 75 per cent (325) of the 435 districts.

He all but writes off 25 per cent of the districts—as being areas "where the left-wing political strength is so preponderant that it would be wiser to put our more serious efforts elsewhere."

He asserts that in more than half of all the districts "the educational work of 50 chapters of the John Birch Society would prove the decisive force in causing these districts to vote for

the nomination and the election of truly conservative candidates."

WELCH NOTES that each Congressional district has an average population of 400,000, so the Birchers in 50 chapters (about 1000 in all) would represent about one-fourth of one per cent of the

total, "and this might seem insufficient to those who do not know or have not worked with, our people."

Those who do know his people, he says, know them as "ceaselessly at work—nights as well as days, and weekends as

well to inform and convince their fellow citizens."

To maintain the "one thousand ideological salesmen" in each district will require the society to have revenue of about \$1,000,000 a month, or \$12,000,000 a year, compared with \$3,000,000 last year.

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A Change in the John Birch Society

By PAUL BECK

Special to the Journal-Bulletin

The slight, dapper man, his sparse gray hair slightly mussed by the wind, stepped to the microphones in front of the room and rapped for attention.

For the next two days he spoke—earnestly, with the utmost conviction and with the spirit of a man bent on a holy crusade. For seven hours each day, his voice was the only one heard except for a half-dozen questions by his audience.

The speaker was Robert Welch, founder and head of the John Birch Society.

His audience consisted of about 100 invited guests—some 20 members and staff of the society, about 70 prospective members and one newspaperman.

Only One Rule

The occasion was a seminar on the John Birch Society being conducted by the master himself. It was the first time in the six-year history of the society that a newspaperman was permitted to sit in and report on a seminar.

Only one rule was laid down at the outset:

Everyone attending must agree to spend the entire two days at the seminar so the complete presentation on the John Birch Society could be heard and, hopefully, understood and agreed upon.

The weekend's sessions at the High Valley ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Talley in the Thousand Oaks section of Ventura County, Calif., about 40 miles north of Los Angeles, started at 9 a.m. and ended precisely at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, then continued from 9 a.m. Sunday to 6:05 o'clock that evening.

Except for four 15-minute coffee breaks and two one-hour lunch periods, Robert Welch completely dominated every minute.

The 65-year-old founder of the ultra-conservative society—in the 14 hours before his audience—did not reveal any new precepts of his organization nor disclose any major new plans of action in his goal to eliminate Communism.

Instead, his discourse hinged on the original presentation he made to 11 men on Dec. 8-9, 1958, in Indianapolis when he founded the John Birch Society.

For the most part, he read almost word for word from the society's bible—the Blue Book.

But at times, Mr. Welch departed from the written word to cite examples of claimed Communist advances in the United States and throughout the world.

It was during these diversions from the Blue Book that the audience would listen intently to the founder's words, nodding heads and grunting in agreement at particular allegations of how the world's leaders committed treason and sold out to the Communist conspiracy.

Mr. Welch is no orator. His approach is almost dispassionate. But his voice carries a ringing conviction.

For his followers, there can be no dispute about the worldwide crisis being created by an unrelenting Communist conspiracy.

He tells his audience there can be no question among members of the John Birch Society about his leadership or the group's aims. As he pointed out, the Blue Book says:

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Welch as part of a new drive to recruit 38,000 members in California and a total of 325,000 nationally by the end of 1966. Present estimates range between 80,000 and 100,000 members.

A press conference, his speeches, television appearance and the invitation to a reporter to sit in on a seminar are perhaps the first indications that Mr. Welch is moving his organization into a more public-oriented position.

While he made known certain misgivings about actual reporting of the seminar, he concedes that the society is getting "much better and fairer treatment" from the press.

He says this is caused by two things: a better public relations program by the society and because "as we've grown and become more influential, it becomes more difficult (for the press) to put out more falsehoods about us because too many people know now it isn't true."

Some Humor, too

How many new members Mr. Welch picked up is not known. John Rousselot, the society's public relations director, said some persons undoubtedly signed up immediately after the seminar, while others will talk it over at home before applying for membership.

Mr. Welch himself, however, added more than \$10,000 to the organization's treasury with speeches at Culver City, Santa Ana, and Pasadena, Calif.

While delivering his monologue — or reading his speeches — Mr. Welch is deadly serious about his subject, Communism.

But he is a man of humor, too.

During coffee breaks at last weekend's seminar, he always slipped out of the room and, hat on head and cane in hand, strode briskly up and down the hillside paths.

Once, the rain had driven everyone else inside, Mr. Welch returned from his walk, paused in front of this reporter and remarked with a twinkle in his eye:

"You see, this proves we Conservatives don't have

enough sense to come in out of the rain."

He gives his time freely after his speeches and when he concludes a two-day seminar.

At Pasadena's Civic Auditorium, for example, he patiently stood on the stage for upwards of 45 minutes to shake hands and exchange a few words with everyone who wanted to greet him.

A few moments before that, however, Mr. Welch was as curt and brusque with an obvious anti-John Birch Society questioner as anyone could be.

"I don't believe you are beginning to ask an honest question or have an honest purpose," Mr. Welch told the questioner, who was drowned out by boos when he asked about using violence to combat Communism.

When one person in the audience asked why more Pasadena Negroes weren't in attendance, Mr. Welch replied:

"I can't hear you, and I don't think it is worthwhile."

But he received an ovation — one of more than 30 that interrupted his speech and his answers to questions — when a Negro walked onstage to prove Negroes were attending.

While Mr. Welch's major aim is "less government and more responsibility," he is a bitter critic of anti-colonialism.

"One of the greatest crimes in all history was Great Britain betraying its colonial peoples into Communism . . . under the guise of giving them independence," he said.

France, the United States and other nations have done the same — not because they wanted colonial nations to become independent but to allow Communism to take over their governments easily.

No War Danger

"There is one reassuring thing I can tell you," Mr. Welch told his seminar. "If you are worried about an external war, don't. Nothing is more remote."

He explained the Communists do not have the military strength to fight the United States and a third world war is impossible because "they can't trust their own people."

"A third world war would be the signal for revolts in Hungary, Poland, East Germany and everywhere else the Communists have imposed their rule — to all enslaved peoples."

"That's why we never have to worry about any real contest between the East and West. It is ridiculous."

Mr. Welch continually points out he formed the society for a purpose beyond the elimination of Communism. "Our fight against Communism is purely an incidental matter to our long-range purpose," he says, which is:

"Less government, more responsibility and a better world."

Mr. Welch is absolutely convinced that, as of now, only his John Birch Society can accomplish this goal.

Everyone else, he says, falls into four basic categories: Communists; Communist dupes or sympathizers; the uninformed who have yet to be awakened to the Communist danger; and the ignorant.



The Founder of the John Birch Society at His Desk

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Priest Says Shun 'Birch' Priest's Talk

By BOB CREAMER

NORTH ATTLEBORO—A Catholic priest on Sunday will tell his parishioners not to attend the lecture of another priest who is a national leader of the John Birch Society.

Fr. Edmund L. Dickinson, when he gives his sermon in Sacred Heart Church, will, in a sense, be warning thousands of Catholics in the Fall River diocese about the opinions of Fr. Francis E. Fenton.

Fr. Fenton, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in Bridgeport, Ct., will deliver a private lecture Tuesday night in Community Theatre on the topic: "Communism And American Survival."

The Bridgeport priest has been identified by the Anti-Defamation League in Boston at a national leader of the Birch Society.

He is also identified on invitations to the lecture as a

member of the council of the John Birch Society.

Every Catholic priest in the Fall River diocese reportedly received an invitation. Thousands of lay Catholics in the Fall River, Taunton and Attleboro area also have been invited.

A serious problem has developed, however.

Fr. Fenton is coming here without sanction of diocesan officials.

"Normally," Fr. Dickinson said, "a priest of a group sponsoring him would request permission as a matter of protocol and courtesy. However, neither Fr. Fenton nor anyone else has done this."

"Under protocol, this should have been cleared by the chancery in Fall River."

"On Sunday I will say that he does not have sanction and that he certainly will not be speaking in the name of the church," Fr. Dickinson disclosed.

"I will tell them, those who got invitations, that they should remember that there is no sanction for this and therefore they should ignore it."

The staunch stand of Fr. Dickinson has brought great rejoicing to the Birch Watchers, that intrepid band of Attleboro citizens who have battling Birchism in the area.

Dr. Joseph F. Kerrins, the obstetrician and noted Birch Watcher, said yesterday that "my great concern about Fr. Fenton coming here is that a majority of the people won't know he's a member of the council of the Birch Society."

"The people will say a Catholic priest spoke in favor of

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the Birch Society. Many Catholics have been brought up to believe that when 'Father' speaks it's the church speaking."

Kerrins, a Catholic and a leader of church affairs in his parish, got two invitations to the lecture. His ally in the Birch Watchers, Dr. F. Lynton Goulder, a Protestant, got none.

Kerrins and Goulder believe that Fr. Fenton is being sponsored by the Birchers, headed locally by Dr. Stephen Mathewson, a Catholic.



DR. JOSEPH F. KERRINS



DR. LYNTON GOULDER

June 7, 1965

Dear Sir,

Could you please
send me any information
about the John Birch Society?

My husband went to one
of the meetings & is thinking
of becoming a member.

I have only read & heard
a little about them, but
haven't liked what I've
heard.

Are they dangerous & should
he join?

Any thing you could tell
me would be appreciated.

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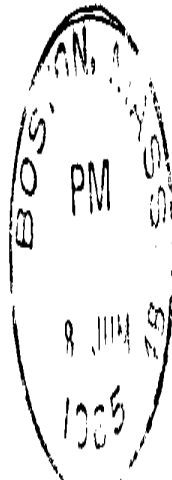
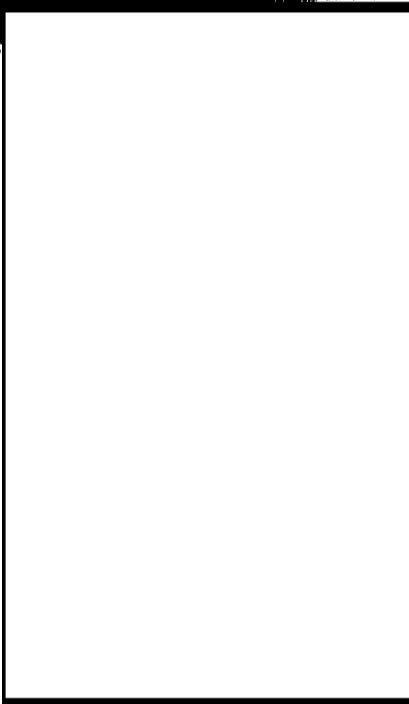
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Your letter of June 7, 1965 has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

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IKE CRITICISM DRAWS BIRCH LEADER'S FIRE

By ANTHONY MATEJCZYK

President Eisenhower was taken to task yesterday for his criticism of the conduct of the 1964 Republican National Convention by a leader of the John Birch Society.

John Rousselot, national public relations director of the Society, said that he saw little difference between the 1964 convention, which Eisenhower described

as "horrifying," and the 1952 convention which nominated Eisenhower.

Rousselot is one of several speakers who will appear this weekend at the conservative, God, Family and Country Rally at the Statler Hilton.

While agreeing with Eisenhower that the length of the convention should be shortened, Rousselot maintained that if Eisenhower was criticizing the tactics used by Goldwater forces, "he's calling for a correction of his own tactics."

Rousselot maintained that tactics similar to those employed at the last convention were used by Henry Cabot Lodge and Thomas Dewey, who were Eisenhower's floor leaders.

The Society, meanwhile, was

not seriously affected by Goldwater's ultimate defeat at the polls, and it's "growth has been terrific."

While declining to reveal the exact membership—on advice of counsel—Rousselot said that published estimates of from 75,000 to 100,000 were reasonable estimates.

He said that it is now felt that about 500,000 members — rather than 1,000,000—would be enough to "do the job." The manifold job includes the purging of this country of Communists, and the partial curtailment of government control.

ON URBAN RENEWAL

The Society, Rousselot said, is extremely concerned about the federal government's participation in urban renewal.

While making it clear that the Society is not opposed to urban renewal, Rousselot said the Society feels the job could be better done on state, county or city levels.

He said that during his two years as public relations director for the Federal Housing Authority he saw that "chaos" resulted when the Federal Government intervened.

He attributed Goldwater's defeat to the "incredible" smear campaign staged by the Democrats which portrayed Goldwater as opposed to Social Security and seeking to involve this country in war.

REPORT DENIED

Col. Laurence Eliot Bunker, who is chairman of the rally, sponsored by several conservative groups, denied reports released by

the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith that merchandise made by an alleged anti-semitic was being displayed at the rally.

Bunker said that the unnamed merchandise would not be permitted to be sold if it were submitted.

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2000 to Join Rally for God On Weekend

The third annual New England Rally for God, Family and Country, will take place this week-end, Saturday through Monday, at the Statler Hilton Hotel.

More than 2000 conservative Americans from all parts of the country are expected to be in town for the meetings at which such topics as "The Rule of the United Nations in Today's World," and "The American Way of Life," will be discussed by nationally known speakers.

Col Laurence E. Bunker of Wellesley, war-time aide to Gen Douglas MacArthur, is chairman of the sponsors of organization.

One of the major themes of the rally will be "Emphasis on Youth," and more than 500 young persons representing various college organizations throughout the country will be in attendance. There will be showings of documentary films such as the recent riots at the University of California. Also reports from J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I., claiming infiltration of college campuses by subversive groups will be read.

The young people's conference will include round table discussions on "Boston's Answer to Berkeley," "Youth and the Respect for Law and Order in a Changing World," and "Is the Concept of Freedom and the American Way of Life Really Changing?"

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John Birch Society Attacked as 'Monolithic' and 'Anti-Conservative'

(The author is a Bostonian who has lectured widely on extremist groups of the right and left.)

By GORDON D. HALL
In the "Blue Book" of The

John Birch Society, Robert Welch wrote, "We would organize fronts, little fronts, big fronts, temporary fronts, all kinds of fronts."

One of these fronts is in full swing at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Boston this Fourth of July week-end. This particular front doesn't even have a name, but it does have a function—the sponsorship of a rally for "God, Family and Country."

The printed announcement of the rally lists Col Laurence E. Bunker of Wellesley as chairman. Col Bunker is a member of the Council of The John Birch Society. The announcement also gave a Post Office box and telephone number, both in Dedham, for advance tickets, but both numbers are otherwise unidentified.

A second announcement from still another Dedham Post Office Box, which was mailed simultaneously with the notice of the rally, throws light on the rally's true sponsorship. Rally Chairman Bunker announced a \$15 per plate dinner at the Statler-Hilton the evening of July 4. The dinner, the climax of the rally's second day, is in honor of Robert Welch and of "the continuing growth" not of the rally, but of The John Birch Society.

Concealed sponsorship and Post Office box secrecy are characteristics of extremist groups in the United States. Birch Society use of these devices clearly illustrates the wide gulf between the so-

ciety's stated goals and the methods used to reach these goals.

COPY COMMUNISTS

The society say its goals are the promotion of less government, more individual responsibility and a better world, but its "Blue Book" has many pages on the frequent necessity of copying the Communist technique of creating hidden fronts.

The "God, Family and Country Rally" is an ambitious John Birch Society public relations effort. Members and sympathizers from Maine to Florida will create an illusion of strength and growing numbers. Two dozen speeches will be given between which those in attendance can visit 48 exhibits set up in booths on the mezzanine floor of the hotel. Seven of these exhibits will carry names easily identified as society fronts or society publications. Other exhibits will represent organizations, presently approved by the society. The remainder will bear titles like "Civil Rights" and "Urban Renewal" which the society opposes.

Newsmen covering the rally will find an accommodating John Rousselot, the society's public relations director. Rousselot's courtesy will not signal a less critical attitude towards the commu-

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The case against The John Birch Society can be simply stated and easily documented.

To begin with, the society is not, as it claims, a conservative organization. It is instead, a rigid monolith with boss man Welch exercising "direct authority at every turn".

Second, the "anti-Communism" stand of the Society "plays right into the hands of the Communists," to quote former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

Finally, despite endless protests to the contrary, The John Birch Society openly collaborates with many of the most unsavory hate organizations on the American scene.

It has flatly indorsed organizations noted for their assaults on minority groups.

Its own "Blue Book" best documents the anti-conservatism of the society. In unmistakable language the "Blue Book" makes clear the society's contempt for parliamentary procedures and the democratic process.

Here are a few examples:

"... The John Birch So-

ciet is to be a monolithic body." (p. 158).

"... Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud." (p. 159).

"... The John Birch Society will operate under completely authoritative control at all levels." (p. 159).

"... There are many reasons why, in the fight immediately ahead, we cannot stop for parliamentary procedures or a lot of arguments among ourselves." (p. 160).

"... Whenever differences of opinion become translated into a lack of loyal support, we shall have short cuts for eliminating both without going through any congress of so-called democratic processes." (p. 162).

ATTACK ON IKE

Most Americans who have heard of the John Birch Society also know that Robert Welch has published a scurrilous attack on former President Eisenhower. This attack is in book form and is called "The Politician."

A whole series of stratagems have been devised to make it appear that "The Politician" expresses only the personal viewpoint of Robert Welch. The dollar paperback version now in circulation, for example, carries the imprimatur of something called the "Belmont Publishing Company" rather than The John Birch Society. But "The Politician" is prominently displayed and nationally sold at book stores owned and operated by the society. Last year's "God, Family and Country Rally" featured a special booth devoted to the sale and promotion of this one book. The official literature of the Society hails "The Politician" as a major recruiting weapon.

HERTER VICTIM

Actually, the society constantly oversteps the boundaries of legitimate and con-

structive political criticism. The vilification of Christian A. Herter as Secretary of State provides a further example.

Mr. Welch raged about "pro-Communists" and "pink pantywaists" operating the State Department with Mr. Herter's knowledge and blessings. No names of alleged Communists or pinks were mentioned in this assault pub-

lished in the October, 1960, Bulletin.

The attack concluded with these words: "The only real difference between the sell-out of our country's interests under Herter and the same thing under other officials of the present and recent past is that Herter has been so immensely more bold, barefaced and arrogantly determined about it. With over three more months of Herter even before a new administration comes in, we'll be lucky if he doesn't have the Soviet flag flying from the top of the Washington Monument by Jan. 20."

ANTI-SEMITISM

The mass media's attention to the anti-democratic structure and irresponsible anti-Communism of The John Birch Society has resulted in a neglect of the society's collaboration with the forces of racial, religious and ethnic intolerance. Scant press attention was given, for example, to the just issued report of the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities which drew attention to the "dangerous increase of anti-Semitism within the society's membership."

Some familiarity with organized bigotry is needed to understand the cordial working relationship between The John Birch Society and hate groups of the far Right.

Some of the most pernicious sentiments in circulation today bear the most innocent sounding imprimaturs. Who would expect the following apology for the Nazi Eichmann in a publication bearing the harmless title "Eco-

nomic Council Letter?"

~~Is it not likely that many~~ of these 6 million claimed to have been killed by Hitler and Eichmann, are right here in the U.S. and are joining in the agitation for more and more support for the State of Israel—even if the American Republic goes down?"

In November, 1960, the "Bulletin" of The John Birch Society carried this flat endorsement of the "Economic Council Letter":

"In our October Bulletin we ... omitted ... the Economic Council Letter, Empire State Building, New York 1, New York. This is a newsletter published twice a month by the National Economic Council, at \$10 per year. It is a compact source of penetrating information and incisive opinion presented with complete accuracy but always

from the Americanist point of view."

The National Economic Council was an exhibitor at last year's "God, Family and Country Rally" and is again this week-end.

Dr. Carl McIntire, founder of the extreme fundamentalist American Council of Christian Churches, is another who enjoys the favor of The John Birch Society. As early as April, 1960, the society's official "Bulletin" gave a "vote of praise emphatically" to the radio programs of Dr. McIntire.

On Mar. 4, 1963, the Belmont headquarters of the society issued a special mailing to all "local members" to support a rally sponsored by the American Council of Christian Churches at John Hancock Hall. And as late as December, 1963, the "Bulletin" hailed the "Herculean efforts" of Dr. McIntire, whom it described as a great toiler in the "same rocky vineyard beside The John Birch Society".

The extreme fundamentalist orthodoxy of McIntire's American Council of Christian Churches has led the organization into total opposition to the growing ecumenical spirit of the large, mainstream Protestant body known as the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

This opposition is largely traceable to the American Council's historic hostility to Roman Catholicism. Since its founding in September, 1941, the McIntire faction has kept up its slander of the Roman Catholic Church.

An eight-page basic prospectus states the Council's position clearly:

"... The menace of Roman Catholicism in our land is hardly less than that of Godless Communism. . . . The work of the American Council of Christian Churches is designed to protect our Protestant heritage and freedom

against the threat from Roman Catholicism."

It will take more than slick press agency this week-end, or an other, to change the public image of The John Birch Society. The follow-the-leader fuhrer principle of the "Blue Book" will continue to attract only the sincerely misguided and misinformed. The society could reduce the price of "The Politician" to 10 cents and still not alter the fond memory the American people have of men like the late John Foster Dulles and President Eisenhower. Vulgarly and insensitivity will never lessen President Kennedy's special grace.

REAL TRAGEDY

The society's insistence on endless breaking bread with racial and religious bigots will only make more manifest Robert Welch's grotesque sense of history. At a time when America is moving firmly toward religious understanding and full equality, The John Birch Society moves to underwrite a discredited Georgia segregationist named Lester Maddox. Maddox, who closed his Atlanta restaurant rather than admit Negroes, addressed the rally Saturday.

If John Rousselot is serious about improving the society's tarnished image, the Fourth of July offers a glorious opportunity. Many think he and his colleagues could leave the Statler Hilton, cart the society's vast tonnage of propaganda to a vacant Belmont lot and light the most useful bonfire in recent history.

This won't happen of course. For as one very recent and highly placed defector from the top echelons of the radical Right shrewdly observed, "Mr. Welch is constantly rewriting history through a peculiarly defective vision. The real tragedy is that no one in the John Birch Society is even dimly aware of this."



JOHN ROUSSELOT—Birch P.R. Man

Some familiarity with organized bigotry is needed to understand the cordial working relationship between the John Birch Society and hate groups of the Far Right.

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Birch Booths Display State Seals

by JOSEPH T. SULLIVAN

Vermont chapters of the John Birch Society were banned from having a booth at the "New England Rally for God, Family and Country" yesterday at the Statler Hilton.

"We didn't allow them to have one," said William Evans, Birch Society coordinator for Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. But he would not elaborate.

John Rousselot, society public relations director, said he was unaware of the situation.

Clearly Marked

Maine and New Hampshire did, however, have booths. Used for dispensing society material, they were clearly marked as if formally supported by the state.

The New Hampshire booth was entitled only "State of New Hampshire" with Maine's also designated accordingly. Both booths also displayed official state seals.

Although Birch Society officials stated clearly that the booths were sponsored and manned solely by the society, minor confusion was registered by rally participants who said they felt that state sponsorship seemed implied.

"It looks that way to me," said John P. H. Chandler, former member of the Governor's Council in New Hampshire and one-time Republican state senator and state representative.

Both booths also displayed

road maps and Chamber of Commerce promotional materials from the states. Workers at the booths said they had been furnished by chambers of commerce in the respective states.

Chandler was manning a booth for Liberty Amendment Committee, Inc. which has headquarters in Los Angeles and favors, he said repeal of the federal income tax. "We want to get the government out of business," he said.

The New Hampshire booth also displayed a sign calling for help to impeach U.S. Supreme court Justice Earl Warren, long a Birch Society target. "Your coins," it said, "will help put up an Impeachment Billboard in Nashua, N.H."

Pickets Outside

As the various speakers held fourth in the hotel, pickets continually held the fort outside. Among the groups represented were the Northern Student Movement in Roxbury and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The former group supplies reading material, educational aids and teaching assistance for Negro children in the South End.

"We're here because Maddox is here," said Mrs. Sara H. Shaw, director of the organization.

Lester Maddox, who refused to serve Negroes at gunpoint at his Atlanta, Ga. restaurant, was

a principal speaker at the rally.

The pickets carried signs reading, "Why Maddox?" "Maddox Go Home," and "Whose God, Whose Family?"

"Birch-ism and Hicks-ism are

synonyms," charged the Rev. Virgil A. Wood, head of the Massachusetts unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

"Both work against Democracy and justice."

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Birch Backer Held Gerald L.K. Smith Donor

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A local stockholder in "American Opinion," the John Birch Society publication being sold at the "God and Country Rally" in the Statler-Hilton, is a financial contributor to a "notorious anti-semitic organization," two Jewish groups said yesterday.

Miss Olive Simes, of 61 Mt. Vernon St., Beacon Hill, is listed in the 1965 Statement of Ownership of 'American Opinion,' published by Robert Welch, Inc., as one of seven stockholders," spokesmen for the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said.

"We learn from documents available to the public at the House of Representatives in Washington that Miss Simes contributed \$234 to the Christian Nationalist Crusade in 1964," the Jewish leaders said.

The Christian Nationalist Crusade was identified as being "maintained in Los Angeles by Gerald L. K. Smith, editor of the racist, anti-semitic periodical, 'The Cross and the Flag.'"

Concern was expressed "that anyone giving financial support to Smith would be accepted by the management of 'American Opinion' as a financial associate,

especially in view of Robert Welch's disavowal of anti-semitism a year ago."

Item Noted

The Jewish organization leaders also pointed out that another large contributor in this area to the Christian Nationalist Crusade is Countess Rosalind Wood Guardabassi of Pride's Crossing, listed as giving \$2,065 to the alleged anti-semitic group in 1964. Countess Guardabassi has entertained in her home for Major General Edwin A. Walker of Dallas, "a staunch segregationist with strong John Birch Society backing."

The statement from the Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish Community Council called attention also to the following item in the June issue of Smith's paper, "The Cross and the Flag":

"Attention, John Birch Society members: Remain loyal to your local John Birch Society, and even though the John Birch Society may not deal with all the issues in which you are interested, they are doing much good and most of the leaders understand the Jewish question even though they do not discuss it in their meetings."

"Do not be offensive or aggressive," the item continues. "Do not do anything to disturb or annoy the leadership of the John Birch Society local organization, but very quietly hand to these members enlightening information and literature that may help them to mature their understanding. They are sincere people in search of truth, and they will appreciate the information made available to you, such as copies of this magazine and tracts put out by the Christian Nationalist Crusade, of which this magazine is the official organ."

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In the spirit of democratic process and the freedom of speech assured 'by' that process - we are conducting this "Boston Sing Out" to focus attention on what we consider to be an approprius mockery of the very ideals for which this nation stands! The freedom we enjoy today as American citizens was built by the hands and minds of men who recognized the danger of absalutist philosophy and totalitarian rule - it was NOT built by 'professional patriots' in SECRET SOCIETIES which earn over three million dollars a year. Our nation was NOT built by paranoids who depend on 'monthly bulletins' issued from some 'high command' to tell them how to think. Our nation was NOT built by flag waving authoritarian 'fuehrers' who denounce every progressive social or legislative change as some sort of 'plot' or 'conspiracy' to subvert the government. -- In finalization, I would like to extend an unbiased welcome to LESTER MADDUX, former restaurant owner from Atlanta. I sincerely hope that he doesn't feel uncomfortable in a state where everyone is free to eat where they choose - regardless of RACE, COLOR, OR CREED!

"G.I.A. SUPER-PATRIOT TALKIN BLUES"

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Arthur J. Carroll -
June 29 - 1965

I was walkin one day at quarter t' nine,
I ran smack dab into a picketin line,
Went up to a man who was carryin a sign,
Asked why he was marchin in the picket line,
He said the White House was red,
N' he would rather be dead,

..... Claimed he was a patriot!

I walked on a bit further - rounded the bend,
Saw a fiery cross surrounded by men,
Went up to a man who was wearin a sheet,
N' said, "I'm from U.N.I.C.E.F. - trick or treat!"
He raised his hood - thumbed his nose,
Called me names in 'Southern' prose,
..... Said I was a Communist!

Now I've got me a woman that works real hard,
Holds patriotic rallys in our back yard,
She's an active member of the D.A.R.,
Feeds me drinkin water from an ice-box jar,
Says the fluoride kind numbs the brain,
Drink too much you'll go insane,
..... Robert Welch must have tried it!

My mother-in-law is a Goldwater fan,
On Saturday night she's a minuteman,
She picketed my house with the Ku Klux Klan,
Wants to hang Earl Warren and Superman,
Last week she bought some hands grenades,
Now she's building barricades,
..... Thinks I'm un-American!

My next door neighbor's in the twilight zone,
He plays right-wing records on the gramophone,
Thinks he's Betsy Ross & has twenty flags sewn,
Accuses me of tapping his telephone,
He pulled a new maneuver,
Wrote to J. Edgar Hoover,
..... Told him I'm a Folksinger!

I sleep in the cellar on an army cot,
My wife thinks sex is a Communist plot,
Writes letters everyday and hates all night,
She keeps her closet full of dynamite,
Went inside - her gun to find,
Slammed the door and blew her mind,
.....!

** "G.I.A. SUPER-PATRIOT TALKIN BLUES" is sung by MIKE FAIRBANKS.
"THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY TALKIN BLUES" was written by BOB DYLAN,
and recorded by PHIL OCHS for exclusive use at this 'Boston Sing Out'. --
we would like to thank all of the many people who helped to make this public
demonstration possible, and specifically we wish to thank BOB, PHIL, & MIKE,
without whose help this 'Sing Out' would not be as effective as it presently is.

SATURDAY

Grand Ballroom

10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Massachusetts Urban Renewal Seminar

Mrs. MARY DAWSON CAIN, *Moderator*—Editor and owner of The Summit Sun

2:00 MEDFORD EVANS—Author of The Secret War For The A-Bomb

Topic: Where Are We Heading

2:45 LESTER MADDOX—Former restaurant owner from Atlanta

Topic: It Happened To Me

EDWARD J. MCCALLUM, *Moderator*—Chairman of the Citizens Anti-Communist Committee of Connecticut

3:30 ROBERT H. GOLDSBOROUGH—Chairman of the American Committee on Immigration Policies, author of More Deadly Than The Bomb, former staff investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities

Topic: Current Threat to Our Protective Immigration Laws — Who is Running This Country and Where are They Running Us

4:15 ROBERT J. STEIN — Vice-President of The Flick-Reedy Corp.

Topic: The Merits of Free Enterprise

C. WESLEY FRAME, *Moderator*—Founder and organizer of Doorstep Savannah

7:00 WALTER L. MATT—Editor of The Wanderer, a Catholic weekly newspaper with national circulation

Topic: Challenge of Our Times

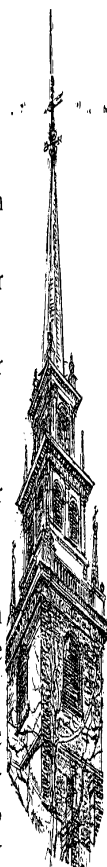
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7:45 DR. NATALIE E. WHITE—Nationally known playwright, director and speaker. Works include: Seven Nuns at Los Vegas, The Billion Dollar Saint and The Complaining Angel

Topic: Atheism In Literature

8:30 JOHN ROUSSELOT—Director of Public Relations for The John Birch Society, former Congressman, Publisher of American Opinion

Topic: U. N.—Instrument of the Communist Conspiracy



SUNDAY

Grand Ballroom

DR. WILLIAM C. DOUGLAS, *Moderator*—President of Let Freedom Ring

10:00 HERMAN DYKEMA, JR.—with the auditing firm of Dykema and Dykema, Chairman of the Tax Seminar for Independent Tax Accountant Society of Illinois

Topic: The Author of Our Liberty

10:40 REV. ANDREW VAN GROLL—Advisor for the American Education Council, Teacher

Topic: Crisis of Religion and Morality

GEORGE J. THOMAS, *Moderator*—Executive Director of The Congress of Freedom

11:20 DR. CHARLES S. POLING—Nationally known clergyman, founder and organizer of The National Committee of Christian Laymen, and The Church Of All Christian Faiths

Topic: While Men Slept

Mrs. J. MILTON LENT, *Moderator*—Publisher of The Conservatives

2:00 DR. GEORGE J. HESS—Past President of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons

Topic: Many Voices Have a Message For America

2:45 REV. FERRELL GRISWOLD—Nationally known lecturer and clergyman

Topic: Why I went to Selma

DEVIN A. GARRITY, *Moderator* — Publisher of Devin-Adair Books

3:30 JOHN A. STORMER—Author of None Dare Call It Treason

Topic: In Search Of A King

4:15 THOMAS J. ANDERSON—Editor and Publisher of Southern Farm Publications with a national circulation of over 730,000, and writes a weekly column for 130 newspapers

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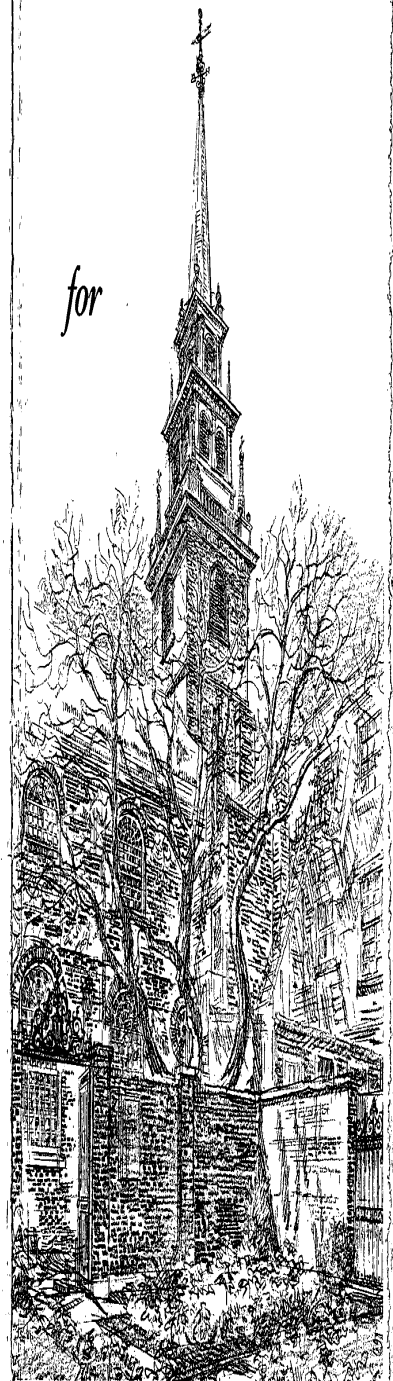
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Grand Ballroom

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon

G. EDWARD GRIFFIN—Author of *The Fearful Master*, Director of Special Services, Audio-Visual Aids Dept., The John Birch Society
Topic: A Workable Program

MRS. FLORENCE POST, *Moderator*—Editor of a women's magazine—*The Spirit*

2:00 DR. HARDGROVE S. NORRIS—Authority on Communism strategy and techniques and Editor of *Focus*

Topic: The Communist Invasion of St. Augustine

2:45 MAJOR ARCH E. ROBERTS—A member of the Reserve Officers Association, The Airborne Association, The International Platform Association and Sons of The American Revolution
Topic: A Proposal to Insure that the Limits of The U.S. Constitution be Respected Within the Borders of The State

HARRY T. EVERINGHAM, *Moderator*—President, *We The People*

3:30 HAROLD LORD VARNEY—President of The Committee on Pan-American Policy, former Political Editor of *American Mercury*, former American advisor to the Government of Chiang Kai-shek

Topic: Danger Ahead in Latin America

4:15 GENERAL RICHARD B. MORAN (U.S. Army Ret.) thirty-three years of outstanding service in The Army

Topic: The Insanity of Unilateral Disarmament

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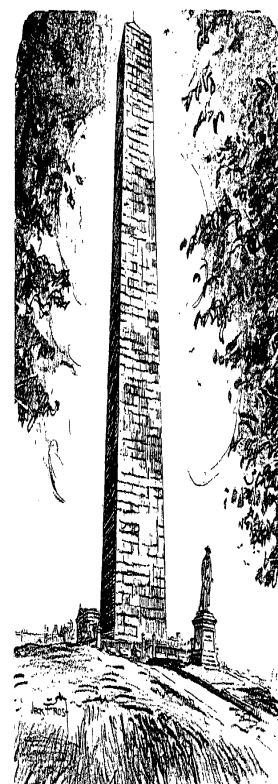
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An introduction to the
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This presentation meeting will include the showing
of a new film depicting the John Birch Society and
how it functions in the home office and throughout
the country.



MONDAY EVENING

7:00 - 10:00

Youth leadership round-up

Discussion with Seminar Speakers — resume —
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Welch Would Curb U.S. Voting Rights

Robert Welch would limit voting rights in America because he says the John Birch Society which he founded believes that "democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery and a perennial fraud."

The former fudge manufacturer holds forth on his society's themes—and reports membership between 60,000 and 100,000 and growing—in a 90-minute documentary for television entitled "Regional Report: The John Birch Society."

ON TV TONIGHT

The film will be shown on WGBH-Channel 2 tonight at 7 o'clock and again Saturday at 10 p.m.

A feature of the documentary is the first society chapter meeting ever to be shown on TV, this one in the home of Mrs. Ray Hill, 7 Sutton Rd., Needham.

Thirty-nine minutes of the film are given to an exclusive interview with the founder at his headquarters in Belmont. On the matter of American voters, Welch declares:

"I would be inclined to agree with our founding fathers in having some limitation on suffrage." He does not elaborate on how he would limit it.

In his blast at democracy Welch explains that what the John Birch

Society wants America to be is a republic.

The society's move for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, for example, was launched because, Welch charges, "the Supreme Court under his leadership has been punching huge ragged holes in the Constitution and breaking this republic down into a democracy."

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The founder also repeats the charge that "the whole civil rights program today was inaugurated, inspired by Communists and has been following Communist purposes."

A National Education Television commentary which concludes the editor, Edwin Bayley, gives the film.

Bayley comments on Welch's "impression of great sincerity," notes that Welch seems "far from a sinister figure," and then concludes:

"Yet in his philosophy there are sinister implications as there are in any Birch activity. The deeds of their activist members cast doubts on the words of their leaders."

Bayley sees the John Birch Society slipping into oblivion because he believes that "the good sense of the American people will prevail."

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.:

Dear Mr. Hoover;

Your article entitled "An Important Message for America's Youth" appearing in the magazine section known as "Parade" of the Boston Sunday Globe of July 11, was very interesting to me, and very disturbing as well.

You speak of "orderly protest, such as that which has characterized the Civil Rights movement" as being far removed from the area of extremism to which you referred earlier in your article. It seems to a great many of us who have followed the protests, the sit-ins, the sleep-ins, and the demoralizing marches engaged in by members of the Civil Rights movement, that extremism has certainly characterized its activities. Instigated and led by those who preach "non-violence" it has been a disgraceful spectacle of lawlessness and violence. Do you seriously support this?

You have attacked "zealots of the extreme right who are activated more by emotion than reason, and who clothe their rantings in patriotic garb, passing themselves off as defenders of the Constitution or protectors of religion", and you advise impressionable youth not to be taken in by their emotional appeal. Just who ARE these "zealots", these "other racist groups" to whom you refer? It seems only right for you to name them as you have named the Ku Klux Klan, so that our youth may be alert to the danger of any contact with them.

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Reading between the lines of your article, it would seem that your carefully worded censure of the "zealots of the extreme right, who PRETEND to be defenders of the Constitution"--etc.--is a guarded reference to the John Birch Society. We know of no other group who actually Does defend our Constitution and our Christian religion--it is not a pretence! Therefore, was it your intention to include the members of the John Birch Society with these "other racist groups, who deserve the contempt of every American"?

I am not a member of the John Birch Society nor have I ever attended a meeting, but I have friends and relatives who are members, and I know them to be fine Christian people, loyal to our American principles and way of life, and strongly anti-Communist. They are, in every instance, sincere dedicated individuals who believe that our nation is in deadly peril from Communism, and from the liberals and leftists among us who are leading us down the road to that evil, atheistic philosophy.

For their sakes, as well as my own, will you be good enough to tell me if you know of any subversive activities, any violence, any lawlessness, in which the John Birch Society may be engaged? Have you found them to be anti-Negro, anti-Semitic, or in any way anti-American? I would be deeply appreciative of an answer.

Very truly yours.

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Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of July 24th concerning my article which appeared recently in "Parade" magazine.

With respect to your inquiries, let me assure you that this article reflects my views accurately. Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Further, the FBI does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have indicated. For the very same reasons above, you should not use our position to infer either that we have or have not cleared the John Birch Society. In connection with this, I would like to point out that the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

While I cannot offer you specific advice, I have stressed repeatedly that each of us should gain a broad knowledge of the origin, aims and methods of the communist conspiracy so that we can intelligently comprehend the danger it presents. While the menace of communism is serious, it is necessary for us to confront this threat in a calm, realistic, rational and law-abiding manner. Individuals who express dissenting views from those of the majority are too often indiscriminately characterized as "communist." Those whose lives are not lived according to what one segment of society might decree the "norm" are too frequently challenged as "Reds." If we are to effectively resist the eroding influence of communism, it is imperative that all citizens of this Nation try to exhibit in more positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

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The subversive knows well the value of fully exploiting such controversial subjects as civil rights, academic freedom and so-called peace issues, and we must guard against being duped into irrational attacks on democratic institutions and officials of government. We should never hesitate, when fully informed that communist influence threatens, to voice our convictions with courage; however, this opposition must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must be kept within the due process of law. I am confident you will agree this is fundamental to liberty.

Sincerely yours,

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Welch: Reds Hold Key Posts

Robert H. Welch Jr., founder and president of the John Birch Society, said yesterday the Communists have about half the people they need in key government agencies to take control of the United States.

The Communists need about three per cent control in order to take over and run any group, any committee, any organization, any population or any division," Welch said.

He said Communists have already infiltrated about 1.5 per cent of all U.S. government posts.

I don't think that Communists have anywhere near two percent in federal government . . . but I do think they have enough men in key positions to exert influence that is far beyond that two percent," Welch said.

The John Birch Society head, in an interview on Boston radio

station WEEI, said he feels the three per cent Communist saturation point has been reached in the civil rights movement and Protestant ministry.

He said the Communists fail to control the Protestant ministry, however, "because there is no police power they can use . . . there is no automatic control."

Welch said the civil rights movement is not only infiltrated by Communists, "it is run by Communists, planned by Communists and developed by Communists."

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, has pointed out that the Communists have no interest in bettering the lot of the American Negro," Welch said.

All they want is to use the Negro in order to support and advance Communistic purposes. That's what they're doing."

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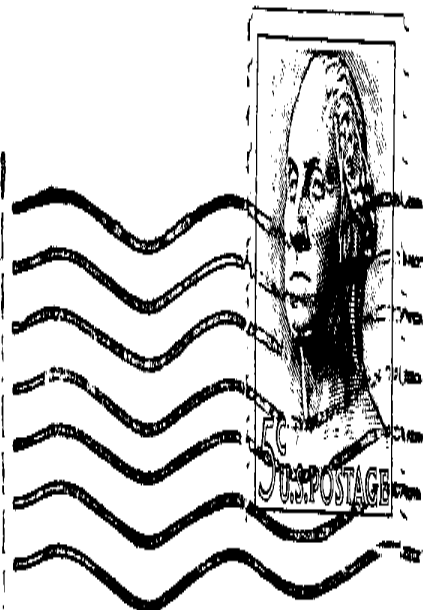
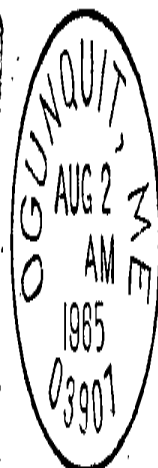
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AUGUST 12th, AT 8 P.M.

We thought you'd like to know
about this, [REDACTED]

New England Coordinator for the
Society, will be in charge of the
evening and will answer questions
We are having a special officer
look out for us -

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By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY

Several days ago I wrote a column expressing a dismay I felt sure was shared by the majority of the members of the John Birch Society at some of the positions being subtly advanced by the leadership of the J.B.S. in its magazine, American Opinion, even while the society is spending tons of dough to appease public opinion and persuade the average American that the leadership is nonkooky.

The response has been discouraging to those who (like myself) have steadfastly adhered to the position that between the opinions of Robert Welch and those of his votaries there is a great gulf—that the latter calmly disbelieve, or ignore, his enormities, remaining loyal to the society on the ground that you need simply scrape off the barnacles of extremism and have left a trim seagoing hull bent on an upwind anti-Communist, anti-Socialist course.

I am troubled by the initial response to that column and have decided to extend my inquiry into the nature of the support of the John Birch Society in an effort to answer several questions. One: Is there in fact substantial disagreement between the membership at large, and the leadership

of the J.B.S.? Two: Do the members of the J.B.S. make any attempt to understand what it is that the leadership of the J.B.S. believes, or do they simply ignore the zanier findings of the leadership, taking shelter in the argument that the society is anti-Communist and that therefore all anti-Communists should support it?

Robert Welch, the founder of the John Birch Society, has often expressed his pride in the character and gentility of his members. I say it sincerely that I do not doubt that he is to a considerable extent correct, but I also doubt, to judge from the response to date, that he could easily explain away the manners of some of the more vociferous members of his society.

William Patten of St. Louis, for instance, suspects my motives. "So, The Establishment has finally gotten to you! The word is Comply—or else! Or else what? Your magazine will not be distributed by 'accepted' distributors! Cancel My Subscription" (hereinafter, CMS). Mrs. Lenore McDonald of Los Angeles: "What Robert Welch wrote in The Politician (imputing pro-communism to Dwight Eisenhower) is mild."

Mrs. W. D. Porter of Lexington: "Did

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you just have to do it? Couldn't you have left it to the Overstreets, Gus Hall, and perhaps Chet Huntley? CMS." William Gehrke of Denver: "The same old smear method employed by the liberals is used, namely, condemn the man and what he stands for but don't dare try to refute his facts. (i. e., that the United States is 60-80 percent dominated by Communists, that being the conclusion of the article I quoted.) CMS."

Mrs. George Caldwell of San Crescento, Calif.: "Since I have just so much hate in me I must parcel it out rather sparingly, and as I understand you I am now to love Russia and hate the John Birch Society." Mrs. Ruth S. Matthews of New York: "One more thing before you open your big mouth again, ask Congress to give a hearing to Col Golieswki." (Who will prove that Ike is a Communist?). Mrs. Monica Doeing of Santa Barbara, Calif.: "Do you mean that you don't think that the kidnaping of Gen Walker was a part of the Communist conspiracy? If so, you better get your head out of the sand."

Mr. and Mrs. John Dalziel of Brooklyn: "When you attack Robert Welch you attack every member of the society." Arthur Barksdale of San Mateo, Calif.: "I

have always believed you to be a true conservative. However, since you seem categorically to accept most of the left wing program I'm beginning to doubt your sincerity."

Robert Jonas of Oyster Bay, L.I.: "I am unable to understand whether in this latest attack, you are just being officious, or whether you periodically suffer from hot flashes, in some form of male menopause? CMS." James Oviatt of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills: "I am just wondering what Zionist Jew wrote this article? could it have been Lippmann, Goldberg, or even Abe—Johnson's attorney? . . . I have known Bob Welch for over 15 years; I think he told the truth about Eisenhower."

Patricia Huster of Baltimore: "I believe I heard that there was some \$95,000 involved in your last smear of the John Birch Society. How much did you get paid this time? And by the way, whose side are you on, anyway? CMS." Lee Adamson of Bellingham, Wash., writes: "I have heard a rumor that John Kenneth Galbraith is a majority stockholder in National Review."

J. T. Timothy of Willimantic, Ct., sums it up in a single word, in large red crayon: "Judas!"

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